Rimless Direct
Spectacle Manufacture and Repair Services
Rimless Spectacles only £99
☎ 01446 733444
Unit 8B, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 3RF
Please ask in store for details...

The Barry GEM

"Your ORIGINAL priceless weekly newspaper"
The Vale's longest serving Community Newspaper
Established 1983

THE VALE FUNERAL SERVICE
Serving Barry and surrounding areas
01446 407962
181 Court Road, Barry
www.thevalefuneralservice.co.uk
SEE OUR ADVERT ON PAGE 4

Weekly audited distribution (52 weeks) to 31/12/12 - 42,492
(GEM Series). Audited by David Pinder & Co Ltd. Chartered Accountants.
www.barry-today.co.uk
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2013

First Vale Show pictures by Glyn Evans Page 8
Education & Training Pages 16-17
Back to School Pages 20-21
Eastern Prom gets facelift Page 3

Popular business closes, with six redundancies

Big business prevails as the Grape Vine bites the dust

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

ONE of Barry's most popular businesses, The Grape Vine, has been forced to close – due to the relentless march of supermarket chains.

For decades, the shop on St Nicholas Road was the natural place for local people to pop into to purchase a bottle of wine for the evening, but in recent months takings had fallen drastically.

Its owner, Richard Peters, and manager, Alan Peterson, told The GEM the arrival of Sainbury's in Park Crescent had proved the hammer blow, and that they had fears for other Barry businesses.

The closure has left six people out of work and seeking employment.

Richard explained: "Sainbury's was taking between £1,200 and £1,500 out of us a week.

"We tried everything, a wide choice of wines and other drinks, special offers, a deli, but in the end we were going nowhere.

"It is totally wrong. Originally, the council said no to Sainsbury's, but the decision was overturned by those in power."

At the time, local people had objected to the branch of Sainbury's, on the grounds of safety, and the effect it would have on other local businesses.

Richard stressed that The Grape Vine dealt with local brewers and other local businesses, and along with his staff, it meant money was being reinvested in the area.

Alan, who managed the store for 22 years, added: "We dropped by 40 to 50 customers a day. Sometimes we lost the best part of £2,000 a week.

"I have a real fear that other businesses will suffer, too."

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

Dimitri Riggas, Jordan Owen, James McGhan, Carrianne Rogers and Matthew Bohun of Barry Comprehensive School sixth form, with their results. (See more pictures and report on page 6).

A LEVEL RESULTS CELEBRATED

VALE PUPILS BEAT WELSH AVERAGES

THE Vale Council has congratulated students across the Vale on the A and AS Level results, with more than a quarter of youngsters achieving an A* or A grade.

Local pupils also performed above the Welsh averages.

The cabinet member for children's services, Coun Chris Elmore, said: "Once again, young people across the Vale have shown what can be achieved with hard work and dedication.

"This year's results are very encouraging. The Vale council is determined that all our children and young people should receive the finest quality of education in order to fulfil their true potential.

"Congratulations to the students, teaching staff and parents. Whatever their plans for the future, whether they are off to university or entering the world of work, I wish all our students the very best of luck."

In the A Levels, compared to last year, the number of pupils achieving A* increased by 1 per cent, rising to 6.6 per cent.

More than a quarter of pupils gained an A* or A grade, which is 2.8 per cent above the Welsh average.

Overall, 97.8 per cent of all entries resulted in a pass, which is 0.7 per cent higher than last year and 0.2 per cent above the Welsh average. The number of entries has also increased by 62 from 1,505 last year to 1,567 this year.

In the AS Levels, compared to last year, there was an increase of 4.4 per cent in pupils achieving an A grade. This was 2.4 per cent above the Welsh average.

There was a 7.3 per cent increase in pupils who have achieved A - C grades.

Overall, 90.7 per cent of all entries resulted in a pass – an increase of 5.1 per cent compared to last year and 4.5 per cent above the Welsh average.

These figures do not include results for the Welsh baccalaureate or vocational subjects.

(See pages 6, 8 and 11 for more details on the A-Level results).

We are open every day, including Bank Holiday Monday
Shahi Noor
FULLY LICENSED RESTAURANT & TAKEAWAY
Tandoori & Balti, Shagorana Dishes, Pure Bangladeshi & Indian Cuisine
Come and Dine with us on one our fabulous
Banqueting Nights
the CLASSIC way to dine, 5.30 pm to 10pm
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Adults £9.95 Child under 10 £5.95
Starter - choose from one of the following
Chicken Tikka, Lamb Tikka, Sheek Kebab, Onion Bhajee, Aloo Chat or Vegetable Samosa
Main Course - choose from one of the following
Chicken Tikka Masala, Chicken or Lamb Balti Masala, Chicken or Lamb Balti, Chicken or Lamb Korma, Chicken Curry or Lamb Curry (Madras or Vindaloo)
Vegetable Side Dish - choose from one of the following
Vegetable Bhajee, Cauliflower Bhajee or Bombay Potatoes
Sundries - choose from two of the following
Pilaw Rice, Boiled Rice, Garlic Nan or Plain Man
The above price(s) do not include any selections from our Main Menu. Our normal menu is available at our standard prices. This offer excludes any other current or previously advertised promotions
87 HIGH STREET, BARRY
Tel: 01446 735706
or 01446 732338

Savings make sense
Reduce your overheads and save on business costs

the businesscentre™
flexible serviced offices
Tel: 0800 634 9920
enquiries@thebusinesscentreonline.co.uk
www.TheBusinessCentreOnline.co.uk
Cardiff House, Cardiff Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 1AW

INSTALL SKIP HIRE LTD
Mini, Midi & Large

Builders Skips
Delivered & Collected
• Fast & Efficient Service
• Friendly Staff
• 16 Yard & Roll On Roll off Skips available
• 95% of our waste is recycled
• Highway permits arranged when required
Mini
Midi
Builders Maxi
Builders Large
Tipper Hire available
Possibly the cheapest Skips in the Vale
Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF
Tel. 01446 421072
Email installskiphireltd@hotmail.co.uk

MP REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

OVER the last few weeks, there have been a number of letters in The GEM, raising points that I had made previously in this newspaper. I hope you will allow me the opportunity to reply.

I am more than happy to underline that the Vale is being short-changed by the Welsh Government. Why should Cardiff receive £202 more per person than the Vale and why is Bridgend £226 better off per person?

Equality would give us an additional £25m a year.

I agree with a letter writer that this is a matter for the Welsh Government; but still, I surely have an obligation to point out injustices and to fight in the interests of constituents?

I hope people will sign the online petition that is on my website to send a message to the Welsh Government.

Another letter writer questioned why I was acting over the dangerous railings on Dock View Road, Barry. I was even accused of removing a plastic hurdle.

They are missing the point. There is a gap between the pavement and railings on the railway bank that a child can fall through – onto the railway line.

I first raised this with the authority last December, and the situation still hasn't been resolved. The situation is dangerous and wholly unacceptable.

I was asked to help because the local authority and councillors hadn't. Naturally, I make no apology for this.

Finally, another political opponent criticised my previous column on benefit reform. This has been long overdue.

We need to help and protect the most vulnerable – but surely, if someone can conduct some form of work with help, they should be expected do so?

It was wrong to abandon people on benefits for the rest of their lives – wrong for those individuals and their families and wrong for the taxpayer. More than 75 per cent of people in some surveys have supported change.

Naturally, I will continue to champion local and national issues that are important to constituents and will not apologise for standing up for justice from the UK Government, Welsh Government or local authority, wherever the responsibility lies.

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan.

Women in the factory

DID you, or anyone you know, work in a light industry factory in Wales between 1945 and 1975?

There were hundreds of factories, and it was mainly women who worked on the production lines.

Following a successful small pilot project in south Wales, the Women's Archive of Wales has received a Heritage Lottery Grant to carry out a substantial oral history project on this theme to cover the whole of Wales.

It is important to record these histories before it is too late.

Contact 02920 569709 or 01792 893410; by email *catrin@stevens2760.freeserve.co.uk* or by letter to 'Voices from the Factory Floor' Project Co-ordinator, 10 Bwrw Road, Loughor Swansea SA4 6TX.

Rosemary Scadden and Catrin Stevens

(On behalf of Women's Archive of Wales / Archif Menywod Cymru www.womensarchivewales.org)

• *Email your letters to The Editor,* ***Don John****, at* ***gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk*** *including your* ***FULL NAME, ADDRESS and TELEPHONE NUMBER.***

W JAMES & SONS
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
FONMON, RHOOSE, NEAR BARRY
ESTABLISHED 1860
Independent family business with 24 hours personal service covering Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan
PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST
Tel Rhoose (01446) 710096

Readers' Letters

IMPORTANT! *We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. LETTERS AND EMAILS MUST INCLUDE FULL ADDRESS AND A CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER. AN EMAIL ADDRESS ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT!*
We will (in certain circumstances) protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, DON JOHN, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7E OR email gemeditorial@tindlenews. co.uk

Alarm over homes plans

I AM alarmed at the number of housing developments and applications currently being proposed by national building companies in Barry and the surrounding areas, ie Green Farm and Walters Farm at Weycock Cross, Wenvoe, Sully, Lavernock, etc.

All in the eastern part of the Vale, these proposed developments are mainly on greenfield sites on agricultural land and outside of settlement boundaries as defined in the UDP, which I am advised is the current planning tool.

A recent development of 200 houses by Taylor Wimpey created serious congestion for 18 months on Port Road, the main arterial route to Cardiff from the Vale. There are currently applications, scoping reports etc for a further 1,000 plus houses which this route services!

There are already developments currently taking place at White Farm and Barry Waterfront.

Who is to benefit from all this new housing? The council from an increase in council tax income? Commuters from outside Barry who are seeking cheaper accommodation than Cardiff housing stock?

I would hope the Vale of Glamorgan councillors will honour their election promises and oppose these latest development plans in the eastern Vale.

Linda Gershenson, Barry

'Please Scoop the Poop!'

WE are residents of Aneurin Road in Barry and my grandmother also lives in the street.

We are sick of irresponsible dog owners not picking up their dog's mess!

We have a green area in the street that attracts dog walkers, but it is also used by children.

The pavement as you enter the street is disgusting and my neighbour has put up signs asking for people to pick up their dogs' mess.

My 76-year-old nan has to clear the pavement outside her house regularly. We need something to change. Where are the enforcement officers;where have they gone?

Where are the patrolling PSCOs in the area? We see plenty returning to the police station, which is around the corner.

Dog fouling is such a problem, something needs to be done.

We want to know our children are safe to play out on the green, without the risk of them coming into contact with dog excrement.

Claire Wheatley, Barry

How will Barry cope?

I MOVED to Barry eight months ago and expected to find the same level of health services I have met in England and Scotland, but I have been very disappointed to find this is not so.

We have been unable to register with an NHS dentist anywhere in the locality. I have phoned every two weeks since we arrived, to no avail.

Why is this information newsworthy? Behind our house planning permission has been sought for 200 houses on Green Farm and another 500 not far away on Walkers Farm.

This could involve 1,000 plus more people living in Barry. If the town cannot cope with providing services for the existing population, how can it cope with an increase of this magnitude?

Valerie Lyndon Barry

Barry has lost a shopper ...

I RARELY shop in Barry town these days, but this morning I needed to get a prescription, so I drove into town to go to Boots.

I parked in what I thought was a two-hour bay, only to find out when I came back some 15 minutes later, that a parking ticket was placed on my car.

The Civil Enforcement Officer, who was writing tickets at the time for other cars, indicated that I was in a bay that was not available for parking until 12 midday.

I was not aware of this change, so I guess I will have to pay the fine; but I noted that the cars in front and behind my car did not have tickets on them, so I asked why not.

Apparently, if you have a disabled badge, you can park anywhere and are exempt from fines.

Also I was told by the officer that if you are only ten minutes, you will not be fined, though this is not indicated on the sign.Why was there not any indication/sign to make people aware of the changes in parking?

It might be nice, for once, if the council could be on our side. I would have happily parked elsewhere.

So now I am not interested in visiting town shops any more.

I will shop where I do not have to have officers placing tickets on my car. Sad to say it, but Barry really has little to offer and now it has lost another shopper. I feel sorry for the local businesses.

Lynne Edmunds Barry

'MY TWO LUCKY ROAD ESCAPES'

I TAKE 'near-death' warnings very seriously, '*gypsy warnings*' if you like – possibly induced by a partial Romany heritage *(my great-great-grandmother on my paternal side).*

I relate this due to a recent early morning (2am) experience in Barry – followed by another.

After taking on board fuel at the Texaco Station on Port Road East, and walking back to the car, I picked up a newspaper cutting for a local funeral parlour. That was the warning!

Driving off and down the steep hill at Skomer Road, I approached the roundabout at Pencoedtre. Suddenly, and without warning, a vehicle driven at high speed hurtled from the Gibbonsdown Estate, straight over the roundabout in the direction of the Lidl store.

Had I not decelerated, or been a few feet forward, my MG would have been spun around and destroyed – myself seriously injured (or dead) and embedded in a nearby house. That was the first experience.

Some six hours later, I am driving towards the lights at the bottom of Island Road, Barry, at the junction with Broad Street.

The lights turn green, and I move off, only for a huge 4-by-4 to come through the Broad Street lights, on red, narrowly missing me and my MG yet again.

Is this the weather completely damaging the cautious British temperament, or someone trying to tell me something?

Christopher Short, Barry

• ***SEE MORE READERS' LETTERS ON PAGE 24.***

Where *should* the cuts fall?

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has attacked the Welsh Government for Welsh NHS spending cuts, Vale school closures – and now it's the bus operating grant...

Mr Cairns knows the facts, and should agree that the cuts to these services are because of the £1.7 billion funding cut to the Assembly by the Conservative-led coalition Government.

As MP for the Vale, he should fight for his constituents and support them by asking George Osbourne for some, or all, of his savage cuts to be restored to Wales.

Welsh Conservatives always ignore, and never mention this cut. I ask Mr Cairns again, given a 40 per cent funding cut, where would he reduce spending? Not Welsh NHS funding ... he wouldn't shut any schools and no bus service would be cut – even those only used by a few people every week.

So let's have an answer, please, Mr Cairns.

G Smith Llantwit Major

'My family never plundered countries'

I WRITE in response to Monica Banerjee's letter of August 15, regarding immigration to Britain.

I doubt if any working class British people went abroad and 'plundered' other countries, I know none of *my* family did.

The people who impoverished countries, and stole their wealth, were the rich, and their cronies in various governments throughout history.

These people still control most of the wealth, keeping it for themselves. They do not suffer the problems their actions cause as they can live anywhere.

I do not agree with people who come to Britain then constantly complain and use history as an excuse.

Why not stay in their own country and make it strong?

People in foreign countries are not the only ones who have been treated badly by the Establishment.

I was born in the Rhondda Valley, which was described thus: *"Never, in the history of the world, was such a small and beautiful valley so systematically raped and left to die"*.

The valley people do not constantly complain and ram history down anyone's throat. Instead, they accept their situation and deal with it, and don't look for excuses.

D Boon, Bridgend.

Why go to Bristol?

IN The GEM, I have seen lots of people complaining about Cardiff Airport, and preferring to travel from Bristol Airport.

But why should we travel about 70 miles, when we have an airport on our doorstep?

I recently had to go to Bristol. Never again! We are OAPs and our first lrg of the journey was to Cardiff for the shuttle to Bristol – at £6 each way.

At Bristol, from the departure lounge we climbed one flight of stairs for customs; and from there up another flight of stairs to a corridor of 460 metres; then down another flight of stairs to runway level.

Next, another 150 yards to board the plane – plus a flight of stairs to board. And all that again after the return flight!

Coming in to land at Bristol, the cross-wind was so bad there was cause for concern among the passengers. I've flown from Cardiff quite a few times, with no problems at all, going and coming.

Give me Cardiff any time!

Bill Lang, Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
22 Thur	07.58	10.2	20.19	10.5
23 Fri	08.39	10.2	20.59	10.4
24 Sat	09.19	10.1	21.40	10.2
25 Sun	09.57	9.8	22.16	9.6
26 Mon	10.33	9.3	22.54	9.1
27 Tues	11.08	8.7	23.33	8.5
28 Wed	11.49	8.1		
29 Thur	00.18	7.8	12.44	7.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

E-Mail Contacts: ***gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk • gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk*** **• Tel 01446 774484**
Published by: Glamorgan GEM Ltd., 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge. CF71 7EL.
facebook www.facebook.com/glamorgangem
twitter www.twitter.com/gem_news

Facelift for the Eastern Promenade...
'DAY OUT ON THE ISLAND WILL GET EVEN BETTER!'

THE Eastern Promenade on Barry Island is set for a £3m facelift.

The proposals – which include the renovation of the Eastern Shelter, new gardens and easier access to the promenade and eastern beach – will comprise major works on the Eastern Promenade itself.

The former changing rooms, empty for many years, will be converted into new toilet facilities, and a new water-mist feature in the shape of ammonite fossils will be built on the promenade to sit below a covered events area.

A variety of beach huts will also be built on the promenade. They will be available to people who want to hire them as stalls, or to members of the public.

The council says an artist's "traversing wall" will be a striking inclusion to the new walkways.

In readiness, The Vale Council has submitted the required planning and 'listed building' applications.

The scheme follows the recent award of £3million of regeneration funding from the Welsh Government, and it is hoped that work could start next month so the improvements are completed by next spring.

Vale cabinet member ,Lis Burnett, said: "The Barry Regeneration Board, Welsh Government and council officers have worked very hard to bring forward this scheme for the Eastern Promenade ,which we hope will make a day out at Barry Island even better.

"We'll be organising an exhibition of the proposals, so that everyone can see the full details of the scheme."

Plaid Cymru councillor for the Island, Steffan Wiliam, said he was delighted that after campaigning for over a decade, his suggestions concerning the buildings on Clements Colley Walk had finally been taken up.

"I am fully supportive of opening up the buildings in the old toy factory on Clements Colley walk for the purposes of leisure and retail.

"As part of Plaid Cymru's economic regeneration plan for Barry, I requested several times during the last decade that an audit of all our coastal buildings be undertaken – and, that if favourable, electricity and water ought to be connected to these buildings for this very purpose."

Coun Wiliam said: "In restoring the Eastern Shelter, it is vital that we make the best use of its roof area, and be ambitious as to the use we can make of it.

"Reinventing the Island is essential and key to its future success.

"I am very grateful to Coun Burnett and officers for making progress with this and congratulate her on this important aspect of the regeneration scheme.

"Despite the many valid criticisms that have been levelled, this is, nevertheless, a good start and should be welcomed as such."

(SEE LETTER ON PAGE 6).

Attempted robbery in Holton Road

POLICE in Barry are investigating the attempted robbery of a shop on Holton Road at 8.50am on Saturday, August 17.

A man entered the Premier Store and demanded the shop assistant hand over money from the till.

The assistant activated the alarm and the intruder fled from the scene and was last seen heading along Pyke Street.

The man is described as being white, in his mid to late 20s, and around five feet five inches tall. He was of skinny build, had dark coloured eyes, and was wearing a black cap and black hooded top with the hood up, and cream coloured trousers.

Detective Constable Debbi Zeraschi from Barry CID said: "Although the assistant acted with great presence of mind, it was a very distressing incident for her.

"We are appealing for anyone who may have seen someone acting suspiciously in the area before the incident took place, or who may have seen the man making off from the Premier Store on Holton Road and heading down Pyke Street."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Barry CID on 101, or free and anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 (quote reference 62130257906).

Drop-in centre to hold fun day

THE Drop-in centre's family fun day is taking place this Saturday, August 24, from 12pm - 4pm in Belvedere Park and outside Castleland Community Centre

A spokesman said: "The day is going to kick off with Cardiff Cougars All-Stars, a cheerleading group who were on Britain's got Talent.

"Then it's the usual madness – bouncy castle, bouncy assault course, bouncy boxing ring, tombola, bran tub, the barbecue, the refreshments tent, face painting, glitter and transfer tattoos, guessing games and the big raffle.

"There will be music throughout the event provided by DJ Danny's Discos and a Live Blues B."

Everyone in Barry is welcome to attend the event.

Cwm Talwg pub charity fun day

ON August 25 a family fun day is taking place at the Cwm Talwg pub on Severn Avenue – to raise funds for the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth.

The event runs from 1pm to 5pm and has lots of activities and attractions for the whole family.

There will be a kids' assault course, a bouncy castle and slide, face painting, balloon modelling, glitter tattoos, hook the duck, tombola, raffle – and a band, The Underdogs, will play at 8pm.

For more information, telephone 01446 747023.

Family service in Penarth church

ALL SAINTS CHURCH in Victoria Square, Penarth, will be holding a family service at 10am this Sunday, August 25, on the theme 'How great is our God!'

There will be worship items suitable for all ages and refreshments served afterwards. Creche facilities available. All are welcome. For more information, visit www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

Penarth appeal after...
MAN (69) FOUND WITH INJURIES

SOUTH WALES POLICE are appealing for information, following an incident at Grove Terrace, Penarth, in the early hours of Saturday, August 17.

A 69-year-old local man was found lying in the road with serious injuries at 1.30am and officers suspect he was hit by a vehicle which may not have stopped at the scene and has since failed to report the incident.

Police say it is also a possibility that he may have been the victim of an assault.

The man was being treated at the University Hospital of Wales, where he was admitted with serious injuries.

Police are appealing to anybody who have seen what happened to contact them. Anyone with information can call the non-emergency 101 number, or Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111.

FONE-BILL

Mobile phone unlocking

Cash Paid for Mobile Phones - working or not

iPhones Wanted - working or not

REPAIRS ON ALL MOBILE PHONES

iBreathe
The Best Electronic Cigarette Vaping Systems & Liquid Refills

THOMPSON STREET, BARRY

Tel: 01446 421666

Did you know you can read your GEM online?
barry-today.co.uk

Royal Balti Est Since 1993

44 VERE STREET, BARRY CF63 2HU

OPEN BANK HOLIDAY

£1.00 Discount on Every £10.00 spent on all collection orders.
Online Ordering Available www.royalbalti.co.uk
Open Plan Kitchen - We only use 100% fresh chicken & Lamb
Express Delivery Service - Minimum orders over £10 (Barry Area)
We also deliver to Sully, Dinas Powis, Wenvoe & Rhoose (charges apply)
Business Hours: Sunday to Thursday 5pm -11pm, Friday & Saturday 5pm to 12 midnight

Tel: 01446 421366 / 01446 421377

All majorcreit/debit cards accepted - Any dishes not listed or special requests can be accommodated upon request

ORDER ONLINE
www.royalbalti.co.uk

£5 OFF ON ORDERS OVER £25
(Enter code in coupon box 5OFF25)
(Excludes set meals)

SPECIAL OFFER £15.00
1 Chicken Tikka Masala
1 Chicken Korma
2 Pulao Rice
1 Plain Nan Bread

LIMITED PERIOD OFFER: SUNDAY 'TIL THURSDAY

NEW MENU LAUNCHED
Express Delivery Service Available

MID WEEK THALI
1 Onion Bhaji, 1 Chicken Tikka Appetiser
ANY 2 Curries (Value up to £6.25)
1 Pulao Rice, 1 Chips & 1 Nan Bread
(offer Monday til Thursday)
£17.50

ROYAL THALI FOR 1
ANY 1 Appetiser (Value up to £3.10)
ANY 1 Curry (Value up to £6.50)
1 Pulao Rice, 1 Nan Bread, 1 Papadom
£11.50

ROYAL THALI FOR 2
ANY 2 Appetiser (Value up to £3.10)
ANY 2 Curries (Value up to £6.50)
1 Side Dish, 2 Pulao Rice, 1 Nan Bread, 2 Papadoms
£21.50

No offer is available in conjunction with any other offer or discounts

WINDSOR HOTEL

Live Bands HERE
BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND
Friday 23rd August
ROB BARBOUR
Live from 6pm
ROCK HOUSE
Live from 8.30pm
Bank Holiday Sunday
August 25th
THE NAVIGATORS
Live from 6pm

170 HOLTON ROAD, BARRY CF63 4LL
07872 109157

ATHENA TAKEAWAY
ESTABLISHED OVER 40 YEARS

THE BEST HOMEMADE CHICKEN CURRY WITH RICE & CHIPS

OAP'S FISH & CHIPS ONLY £3.00

Open Monday - Saturday, lunchtimes & evenings
Sundays - Evenings Only
7 BROAD STREET, BARRY • 01446 400162
Delivery Service available. Barry area.

Golden Charter Funeral Plans

AT YOUR TIME OF LOSS

The most *thoughtful* decision you could make

you can depend on us for a high degree of dignity & care

Husband and wife Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis

VFS *Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service*

Prestigious fleet of Jaguar Cortege Vehicles

01446 407962

181 Court Road
Barry
Vale of Glamorgan
CF63 1EX

lyndsayellis@thevalefuneralservice.co.uk

Store pulls down the shutters

***RIGHT:** The Vale MP, Alun Cairns, is pictured with The Grape Vine staff – deputy manager Doreen Oakley, the manager, Alan Peterson, and sales assistant Kelly Boul.*

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Alan continued: "Asda is due to arrive in January or February next year – what effect will that have on High Street?

"There was a time when the Park Crescent area had five butchers, three bakers, and various convenience stores."

Alan, and his deputy manager,Doreen Oakley, who had 21 years' service, felt so strongly about major supermarket chains opening their local off-shoots in competition with independent shops in town centres, that they contacted local MP Alun Cairns.

He visited them on the day The Grape Vine brought down its shutters for the last time.

Mr Cairns said: "*This was a sad day and I pay tribute to all who worked at The Grape Vine.*

"It is important to highlight the issues and problems that can be caused for local traders when supermarket multiples choose to open smaller convenience stores in small communities.

"I do hope that the staff at The Grape Vine will be able to secure other employment soon.

"It's such a shame that one of the oldest shop premises in Barry has had to close its doors, but I am hopeful that another business may choose to open its doors on the site in the not too distant future."

Built in the 1860s, the premises on St Nicholas Road has been an off-licence since 1907.

New supermarket ""branches are not universally loathed – some people in Cadoxton, for example, welcomed the arrival of the new Tesco.

However, with nine supermarket branches currently in the town, and a tenth on its way, Richard Peters and Alan Peterson wonder at what point the march of supermarkets will come to an end.

Operatic treat

Enjoy an evening of Puccini and Prosecco at a charity opera night in Penarth Yacht Club on Monday, September 16.

Contact Sharon on 07730944700, or fundraising@welshhearts.org for more information.

'Bus service starts too late in the day'

"I thoroughly agree with Mrs Hookway about the No. 98 buses – they don't start until 9.30am.

"That means people will have to walk to see their doctor (Highlight Park) or get a taxi.

"As for Saturday and Sunday, many people will be prisoners in their homes, unless they can afford taxi fares or get friends to take them by car. Shame on Cardiff Bus Company.

W JAMES, Barry

Forces veteran will climb Kilimanjaro, for Mind in the Vale

ABOVE: Caroline Chapman, executive manager of Mind in the Vale, wishes Chris all the best on his challenge...

A former serviceman from Barry, who is a volunteer for Mind in the Vale, is to climb Kilimanjaro on August 28 to raise funds for the charity.

Chris Mayhew has also started a Veterans' group at Mind's premises in the town centre.

Chris told The GEM: "Mind in the Vale is a local charity that works with and for people with mental health problems.

"It offers support and information in housing, benefits, social inclusion, and debt problems.

"It also offers support in helping people recovering from mental illness, and develop the skills, experience and confidence they need to find fulfilling occupations.

"Mind's aim is to work hard in raising public awareness of mental health and in doing so reduce the stigma surrounding it."

Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Tanzania, the highest mountain in Africa, and the highest free-standing mountain in the world, at 19,341 ft above sea level.

It normally takes around five or six days for someone to climb the mountain if they live at sea level.

If you would like to support Chris, go to: www.virginmoneygiving/ChrisMayhew.

Would you like an honest, reliable, affordable, police checked
CLEANER for your home.
Typically £10.50 per hour inc.
• Daily, weekly, etc.
• Insurance provided.
• All domestic cleaning undertaken.
TIME FOR YOU
DOMESTIC CLEANING
01656 349 296
01443 625 019
02920 291 000
www.timeforyou.co.uk

Barry blaze: police appeal

POLICE in Barry are appealing for witnesses following a fire in the extension of a property under renovation at Robins Lane, between 5.40pm and 6.20pm on Saturday, July 20.

Contact DS Dave Thomas at Barry CID on 101, or free and anonymously via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555111.

MENU

Chips ..... Cone £1.00
Small £1.50
Large £2.20
Fries £1.10
Peters Pies £1.80
Peters Pasties £1.50
VP Pies ..... Small £1.40
Large £1.90
Steak & Kidney £2.20
Saveloy £1.00
Fish (Cod) £3.60
Fish Bites ..... 80p each
..... 4 for £2.50
Fish Cake 65p
Rissole £1.20p
Sausage ..... Small 50p
Jumbo £1.00
Sausage in Batter . Small 60p
Jumbo £1.10
Bigfoot Plain £1.50
Bigfoot in Batter £1.70
Turkey Stick £1.40
Veg Spring Roll £1.40
Pineapple in Batter 90p
Mushroom in Batter 30p each
Chicken ..... Leg £2.00
Breast £2.30
Whole £7.00
Rice £1.00
Chicken, Curry, Rice & Chips £4.50
Chicken Curry & Rice . £3.90
Chicken Curry & Chips £4.20
Chicken Curry £2.60
Curry & Chips £2.20
Gravy & Chips £2.20
Pot of Curry £1.10
Pot of Gravy £1.10
Chips, Cheese & Beans or Sauce £2.90
Kids Meal with Carton and Lolly £1.80
Kids Meal with Small Bottle & Lolly ... £2.00

KEBABS

Medium Doner £3.30
Large Doner £4.00
Medium Chicken £3.70
Large Chicken £4.20
Mixed Small £4.00
Mixed Large £4.90
Donar Wraps £2.50
Chicken Wraps £2.60
Includes all salad and sauce (sauce on – not pots)
Salad Kebab £1.60
Chip Kebab £2.00
Chip Sauce Kebab ... £2.50
Pot of Sauce (Garlic, Chilli or Mint) .. £1.00
Tray Salad £1.50

CADOXTON
- FISH BAR -
The only traditional Fish & Chip Shop
THAT DELIVERS
Last order at 9.30pm
Free Delivery on orders over £7.50
Minimum order £5.00
£1 Delivery Charge for orders under £7.50
Orders over £15 - Free Bottle of Pop
YOU CHOOSE!
FRENCH FRIES OR REGULAR CHIPS

DEALS

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN
Boneless Strips ..... 50p each
3 pieces £1.30
12 pieces £4.20
1/4lb Burger, Chips & Can £3.60
1/2lb Burger, Chips & Can £4.10
1/4lb Chicken Burger, Chips & Can £3.80
1/2lb Chicken Burger, Chips & Can £4.30
Medium Kebab, Chips & Can £5.00
Any 2 Medium Kebabs, Chips & Lowes Bottle £8.40
4 Pieces of Southern Fried Chicken, 4 Boneless Strips, 4 Chicken Nuggets, Tray of Salad, Tub of Coleslaw & 1 Dip, 2 chips & 1.5ltr of Coke £11.00

Telephone: 01446 400180
OPEN: All day Monday - Saturday
11.30 am - 10.00 pm
Closed Sundays
12 VERE STREET
CADOXTON
CUT OUT AND KEEP

BURGERS

1/4lb Burger £1.70
1/2lb Burger £2.30
with cheese – 20p extra
1/4lb Chicken Burger ... £1.90
1/2lb Burger £2.60
1/4lb Veggie Burger £1.80
1/2lb Veggie Burger £2.40
Burger in Batter £1.20
Kebab Burger £2.60

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

1 Piece £1.20
2 Pieces £2.10
5 Pieces £4.50
8 Chicken Nuggets £2.00
Faggots, Peas, Chips & Gravy £3.00
Faggots, Peas & Gravy .. £2.30

DRINKS

CANS 80p
500ml Drinks £1.25
Large Lowes £1.40
1.5 Coke £1.99
Kids Bottles 50p
Kids Cartons 20p
Milk Shakes 99p
Slush ..... Small 60p
..... Large £1.20

EXTRAS

Potato Fritter 40p
Prawn Cocktails ... £1.50 each
Tub of Coleslaw £1.40
Cheesy Chips £2.50
Beans & Chips £2.20
Garlic Bread £1.50
8 Scampi & Chips £3.00
Pot of Peas £1.00
Pot of Beans £1.00
Pitta Bread ..... Small 30p
Large 40p
Peas & Gravy £2.00
Free 1.5 Ltr Coke on non Meal Deal Orders over £12.00

DEALS

1 piece of Southern Fried Chicken, Chips & Can
£2.80
2 pieces of Southern Fried Chicken, Chips & Can
£3.80
5 pieces of Southern Fried Chicken, 2 Chips & Lowes Bottle
£8.00
FAMILY PACK
10 pieces of Southern Fried Chicken, 3 chips, 1.5ltr Coke, pot of coleslaw or beans
£14.00
MEGA PACK
15 pieces of Southern Fried Chicken, 4 chips, coleslaw & beans, 1.5ltr Coke,
£19.00

The Little Blue Deli

EVENING DINING and COCKTAILS

Tapas and tasters

Creamy Catalan Mushrooms: Mushrooms in a rich spicy cream sauce served with sour dough.
Xim Xim: Traditional Brazilian dish of chicken, crayfish, peanuts, coconut milk and lime.
Thai Salmon Fishcakes: Freshly made and bursting with flavour.
Chicken and Chorizo: Rioja, tomatoes and onions complete this typical Spanish treat.
Salt and Pepper Squid: Pineapple cut squid lightly battered.
Lamb Kofta: Mini seasoned lamb kebabs in a tagine sauce with sour cream and pomegranate.

£3.95 each • 3 for £9.95 • 5 for £15.95

Mains

Wild Boar and Chorizo Burger: Highly flavoured and piled high with smoked cheese and apple slaw.
Venison and Orange Burger: Sophisticated and perfectly accompanied with a redcurrant chutney.
Paella: Traditional and rustic in style, packed with seafood, chorizo and chicken.
Chicken and Ribs: A grilled chicken breast and half a rack of bourbon glazed ribs.
Rockpool: For the seafood lovers - King Prawns, Salmon Steak, Green Lip Mussels and Crayfish.
Pie and Mash: Check the blackboards in store for todays pie.

Open for breakfast, lunch and evening dining.

Text - 4MyTapas to 88802 foe Special Offers and Deals Tuesday to Saturday until 11.30pm

SPECIAL OFFER
(only with this voucher)
FREE DESSERT
Free dessert with every main course with this voucher (excludes sharing desserts).
Valid until 14th Sept 2013

Check out our website for full menu

Happy Hour 4pm til 9pm Tuesday to Saturday
Cocktails £3 during happy hour

86 HIGH STREET, BARRY CF62 4DX 01446 401101
'Like' Little Blue Deli on Facebook
Follow @LittleBlueDeli on Twitter

Barry Comprehensive delighted with an 'outstanding' set of A Level results

ABOVE: Elliot Clissold, Joshua Albertides, Matthew Williams and Jacques Sloman all achieved exceptional grades.

Students check their university placements online.

ABOVE: Luke Wiltshire.

ABOVE: Year 12 students discussing their AS Level grades.

ABOVE: Jack Pierce receiving his A Level results envelope.

BARRY Comprehensive School sixth form students were celebrating on August 15, when an outstanding set of A Level results was announced.

The school's headteacher Gerard McNamara said the teachers and governors were "delighted" with the results.

"The dedication and hard work of the students has been rewarded.

"The majority of students achieved the qualifications required for their next stage of the learning journey. We wish them all every success in the future."

Particular individual achievements included:

Matthew Williams achieved grades A*, A*, A*, and A, and will be taking a gap year before studying medicine.

Elliot Clissold achieved grades A*, A, and A, and will be studying medicine at St George's, University of London.

Jacques Sloman achieved grades A*, and two As, and will be studying medicine at Cardiff University.

Joshua Albertides achieved grades A, A and A, and will be studying biochemistry at Cardiff University.

Isaac Mayne achieved grades A, A and A, and will be studying English at the University of St Andrews.

Luke Wiltshire achieved grades A, A and B and will be studying exploration and resources geology at Cardiff University.

CART BEFORE THE HORSE?

I READ with interest and growing amazement about the Vale Council's latest plans for the regeneration of Barry Island.

It is truly astonishing that funding can be found for projects such as flattening the existing overflow car park on Nell's Point in order to build another one; building beach huts; ammonite fossil water mist features; artist-designed 'Traversing walls'; and new walkways and ramps to the beach – and yet, no money is apparently available for the completion of the final phase of the desperately-needed relief road.

We Islanders have been fobbed off and misled for far too long!

What is the point of the council encouraging more visitors and further development on the Island before the infrastructure is in place to support this?

READER'S VIEW

The Vale Council has got things the wrong way around. It should be ROAD FIRST, redevelopment later.

As a friend of mine so aptly said: "*The phrase 'putting the cart before the horse' springs to mind*".

Mrs B Mackintosh
Barry Island

DID YOU KNOW?
You can now read your GEM online:
barry-today.co.uk

Award for school governors

GOVERNORS at Llancarfan Primary School have been awarded the prestigious Quality Bronze Award for excellence.

The award was developed by Governors Wales, to provide a benchmark against which governing bodies can assess their effectiveness and show that they are meeting statutory requirements.

THE COFFEE HOUSE
AT CADWALADERS
BARRY ISLAND'S
ICE CREAM SPECIALIST
Making and serving real dairy ice Cream, Sundaes, Smoothies and Milkshakes, since 1927
Bring this advert with you to get 50% off all ice creams and milkshakes
email:

• Brabantia • Stellar • Horwood • Judge Vista • Meyer • Circulon • Anolon •
Gorenje • Neff • Bosch • Indesit • Hoover • Whirlpool • Belling • Stoves • Tricity Bendix
Siemens • Smeg • Hotpoint • Canon • Electrolux • Zanussi • A E G • Liebherr • Miele • Caple

OPEN BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm

1st Choice APPLIANCE & COOKWARE CENTRE
PREMIUM QUALITY BRANDS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES
Two floors with a comprehensive display of appliances and accessories. Factory refurbished and brand new appliances in stock.
Built-in ovens, hobs, dishwashers, washing machines, fridge freezers, range cookers - gas, electric, LPG and dual fuel in stainless steel and farmhouse styles!
Quality Products at Competitive Prices!
NEW WASHING MACHINES From £179.99 ONLY WITH THIS ADVERT
Refurbished from £99.99
EXTRA DISCOUNTS EVERY SATURDAY DURING AUGUST
Only with this voucher
DISCOUNTS FOR THE OVER 60s on Tuesdays and Thursdays
(Please ask in-store for details)
ONLY WITH THIS VOUCHER

3A TYNEWYDD ROAD, KING SQUARE, BARRY
(opposite new library)
Also large warehouse & showroom at 252 HOLTON RD, BARRY
(Bassett End)
Experienced sales staff on hand to advise you with your purchases.
Prices constantly checked to make sure WE ARE THE CHEAPEST
All In Stock! – Ready to Go!
Same/Next Day Delivery Service!
Full Repair Service and up to 5 years manufacturers warranty
Telephone: 01446 730884
www.1stchoicetrade.co.uk

OPEN: Monday - Saturday 9am - 5.30pm
Appliance used for illustration purposes only.
• TEG Design • James Martin • Jamie Oliver • Franke • Astracast • LG • L E C •

Barry Sixth Form students celebrate the successful conclusion of their secondary education.

Ball gowns and tuxedos at ready for farewell dinner

THE Barry Sixth Form Valedictory Dinner is one of the highlights of the school calendar.

The evening brings students and their teachers together to celebrate the end of their secondary education.

Over 180 students and staff from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive and Barry Comprehensive joined together to look back at their school days and indulge in a spot of nostalgia.

As this was probably the last time many of them would meet before entering further education, or the workplace, ball gowns and tuxedos were hired, limousines ordered and dancing shoes were at the ready.

The head of Sixth Form, Rob Bourton, commented: "This year's event at the Radisson Blu Hotel provided a fitting conclusion to sixth form life with entertaining speeches and good company.

"It gave us the opportunity to say goodbye to what has been a superb group of year-13 students and we wish them every success for the future."

The Bard at St Donats

THE Globe Theatre on Tour's outdoor production of The Taming of the Shrew at St Donat's Castle has won a sponsor – Brewin Dolphin.

The performance, directed by Joe Murphy, will take place on August 26 at 6.30pm. One of William's Shakespeare's classics, the play tells the story of two sisters who must be married, and the challenges of 16th century courtship.

Remote Control Roller Shutters
FROM ONLY £650+VAT FITTED
FROM SOUTH WALES' LEADING DOOR MANUFACTURER AND GARAGE DOOR SPECIALIST
SPECIAL OFFER
Contact us today for further information
01656 659274 • 01446 439219
WWW.ACTIONDOORS.COM

Did you know you can read your GEM online? barry-today.co.uk

Fascinating insight into the history of Flatholm Island...

PETER Sampson, chairman of the Flatholm Society and tour guide, gave a very interesting talk about the history of the island to U3A Barry.

Although many were aware of the more recent history in Victorian times as a cholera hospital, Marconi's historic radio message across water and the Second World War anti-aircraft gun emplacements, details from ancient times were fascinating.

They included a Bronze Age axe, the Vikings in 918 AD, a place for meditation of the Celtic Saints – Sts Cadoc, Baruc and Gwalches, the resting place of the mother of King Harold after 1066, and also two of the knights who murdered St Thomas A' Beckett.

The group closes down during August, but the autumn session starts on Monday September 2, at New Jerusalem Hall, Kings Square at 2pm. The speaker is Gerry Donovan on Dyffryn House and Gardens, an update on the work of the National Trust centre at Bonvilston.

Two new additional groups will also start in September – local history and a craft circle; all are welcome to join.

For further information phone John on 01446 413328, or go to our website: www.u3asites.org.uk/barry.

VAL WARLOW

MP HITS OUT AT BUS SERVICES

THE local MP, Alun Cairns, said this week that he has been "inundated by complaints from residents about cuts to bus services."

"Elderly residents are unable to get to hospital appointments; and constituents have reported that they are unable to get to work and have to consider leaving work as it is not financial viable for them to pay taxis or buy a car (if they drive)," he maintained.

The MP met local bus contractors in April who claim the current level of subsidy they receive from the Vale Council wouldn't allow them to provide a service from this summer onwards "on a like-for-like basis" in the future.

Mr Cairns has called on the local authority to "prioritise budgets" to help support local bus services: "As medical services are being centralised, bus services are even more important. The service between Llantwit and Barry is essential and key to access the hospitals in Llandough and the Heath in Cardiff.

"Bus routes X99 and 95 to Barry Island have also changed their routes and elderly residents have contacted me to say they can no longer get to their local shops and amenities."

He argued: "The background is the cut to the Bus Operating Grant (BUSOG) provided by the Welsh Government, which subsidises the routes. The all-Wales concessionary fares scheme is administered by local authorities and they in turn are reimbursed by the Welsh Government.

"I don't understand why the Welsh Government has cut the bus operating grant so much more than in England. I have raised the matter with the Welsh Government but it seems that they are not going to change their plans. In the same year as £52 million has been spent on an airport, the Welsh Government need to understand that some of the most vulnerable people use bus services for essential purposes.

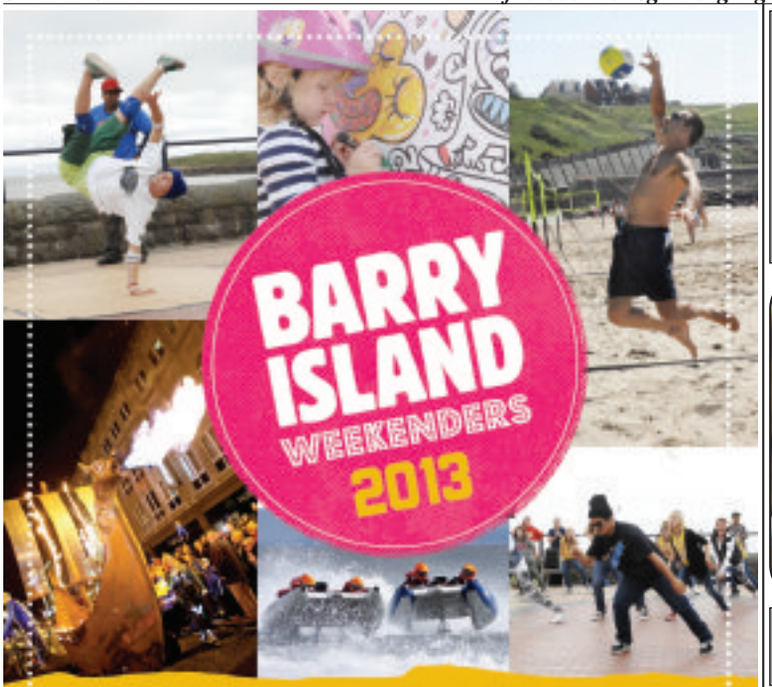
"I have raised the matter with the Vale Council, who have the powers to support routes directly. The leader of the council advised me some months ago that they were going to review all their bus routes and the levels of support over the summer. I'm yet to hear about the date for a review and would urge local residents to contribute their views once the review is published.

"Many Vale residents rely on the bus service for daily essentials – shopping, health appointments and of course travelling to work. The council needs to prioritise the same level of funding to continue a service with bus operators on a like-for-like basis," he added.

Wedding Fayre
Eternity with Love
Wedding Exhibition
NEXT SUNDAY
1st September 2013
at the Vale Resort, Hensol
11am to 4pm - Entry £2 per person

3 PROFESSIONAL
CATWALK SHOWS
12 noon, 1.30pm & 3pm
Presented by Ruth Wignall
Over 80 exhibitors
For details visit our website:
www.eternitywithlove.co.uk

£10 EYE TEST
Valid for one test booked on or before 28 September 2013 at discounted price of only £10. Present voucher at time of test. Cannot be exchanged for cash, used with other vouchers or redeemed by customers already entitled to a free NHS eye test. One per person, at participating Specsavers stores only. CODE 2646
Book an eye test at specsavers.co.uk
or call 0800 0680 241
Specsavers
2 for 1 varifocals: Cannot be used with other offers. Applies to £89-£149 ranges, and PENTAX scratch-resistant varifocal lenses from £49, and pay for just one. Second pair from the same price range or below and to the same prescription. Applies to 1.5 scratch-resistant lenses. Extra Options available at an additional charge on both pairs. SKU 25980634. ©2013 Specsavers. All rights reserved.



FREE FAMILY EVENTS AT BARRY ISLAND

24 & 25 August

Cinema by the Sea Weekender

Barry Island Gardens will host two nights of classic cinema:

Saturday 24 August from 8.30pm

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Sunday 25 August from 8.30pm

GREASE SING-A-LONG

Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy some music before the film starts. Join in the fun and fancy dress is encouraged!

Please note

Barry Island is an Alcohol Free Zone and no alcohol will permitted at the above events. Also no naked flames including garden candles, barbeques or similar will be allowed onto the gardens during the Cinema weekender

VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

All events take place along the prom or Island Gardens. Please note events may change at short notice. For more information please call 01446 704737 or go to www.visitthevale.com

All roads lead to Fonmon for the Vale Show 2013!

Show photos by **GLYN EVANS** available for purchase – 07791 228684

ALL roads led to Fonman Castle grounds yesterday (August 21) with thousands of people heading to the Vale of Glamorgan Agricutural Show.

More than 20,000 people were predicted to attend, and from early morning competitors were arriving with livestock and exhibits.

By mid-morning, roads through the Vale were busy with traffic, and the crowds were building at the showground, the tents and the stalls.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' first pics of this year's show, among those who enjoy the day most are the children.

(SEE NEXT WEEK FOR MORE PICTURES FROM THE VALE SHOW).

St Cyres students' delight at their A-Level successes

A TESTAMENT to the way in which students are challenged at St Cyres School is the high percentage of those students who have exceeded their nationally set targets and are looking forward to a bright future at university.

There were many outstanding individual achievements, with 73.4 per cent of the results being at grades A* – C.

Ninety-two St Cyres sixth form students have been awarded the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma, which is equivalent to an A grade at A Level.

In addition, a number of year-12 students achieved major success in their AS examinations.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, the headteacher, commented: "There is now a more challenging environment for the country's young people in terms of university places and employment prospects, but our students are well placed to enter this competitive arena.

"This is due to their own hard work and the professionalism and dedication of our teaching staff, who have supported them every step of the way.

"The experience our sixth form students have gained through studying for the Welsh Baccalaureate will have given them a head start in their university studies.

"I congratulate every one of them on their achievements and wish them well for the future."

POLICE HUNT CAR THIEVES

POLICE in Penarth have warned Ford car owners to be vigilant – after two Ford Fiestas were broken into in West Terrace and Baroness Place in Penarth at around 11.45am on Thursday, August 15 and car stereos stolen.

Two people were seen in the area, one wearing a grey hooded top and the other a blue hooded top.

Police Constable Nathan James said: "We have heard rumours that radios are being stolen due to them containing a chip which can be used to get free Sky television.

"This is not true and the thieves are wasting their time. We want to get this message out to prevent further thefts happening," he pointed out.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111.

BEST EVER
HALF PRICE
sale

MORE THAN
50
BATHROOMS

OVER
40
DINING SETS

UP TO
25
KITCHENS

PLUS
10%
BACK
IN VOUCHERS*
ACROSS THE STORE

MORE THAN
60
BEDS &
BEDFRAMES

UP TO
100
SOFAS

ENDS
AUGUST
BANK
HOLIDAY
MONDAY

Sofas | Dining | Beds | Carpets | Kitchens | Bathrooms and much more...

Llantrisant, Cowbridge Road, RCT. CF72 8XU

Telephone **0845 050 8240**

Shop online at **leekes.co.uk**

Leekes
You're home

*Conditions and exclusions apply. Maximum £500 of vouchers on monies received, not order value. Voucher offer ends 26th August 2013.

Scott Wroe Hearing Centre

PENARTH

Scott Wroe Hearing Centre in Penarth is an independent, family run hearing aid practice with over 35 years experience of helping people improve their hearing. They are a 5 Star Centre for Phonak as well as the first Widex Approved centre in the UK.

- The highest levels of service and aftercare
- 30 day trial on all hearing aids
- 5 year warranty on all Phonak hearing aids
- 5 year aftercare service plan with all hearing aids
- Independent advice on all leading makes and models
- Home visit service available

Mr Bartley Phillips

"The aids have given me a new lease of life. I can now hear people on the phone and also background noises. My children, friends and relatives cannot get over the change in me. I wish I'd done it years ago."

For more information or to arrange your appointment
Please call **02920 707760**
Station Approach, Penarth CF64 3EE
(FREE PARKING OPPOSITE THE SHOP)

Scott Wroe Hearing Centre

Vale Resort raises £18,000 for the Tenovus charity

STAFF and members of the Vale Resort in Hensol have raised £18,000 for the Tenovus cancer charity – in just two months.

From climbing mountains, making curries and posing for a 'tasteful' calendar, more than 100 leisure club members, staff and the local community worked together to raise the money for Tenovus at five events in June and July.

Clive Hamilton, a member of the Vale Resort health club and managing director of office solutions company, Pinnacle Group, worked with staff to almost double their initial target of £10,000.

One fundraising activity saw five teams of up to 10 leisure members and staff take on the Three Peaks challenge, climbing the three highest peaks in Wales, England, and Scotland over three days in June.

The Vale gym also hosted a five-day non-stop Trixter bike challenge, keeping the wheels of three bikes spinning for 12 hours a day.

Staff and leisure members took to the saddle for up to three hours at a time, while the Vale Resort's head chef, Daniel James, made homemade cakes to sell with Tenovus t-shirts, to support the bike momentum.

ABOVE: Clive Hamilton, Dan Stuart, and Bethan Palfrey.

Personal trainers and leisure members posed for a calendar shoot in the Vale Resort gym. There were 150 'July to December 2013' calendars printed and sold at the hotel for £5 a time.

The fundraiser campaign culminated in a curry and auction night, held at the Vale Resort for more than 100 guests.

Donations from the Football Association of Wales and the Welsh Rugby Union were auctioned at the event, as well as a Cardiff City top, the last one worn by Craig Bellamy before their promotion to the premier league.

Joanna Church, sales and fitness manager at the Vale Resort, said: "We are delighted to have raised such a significant amount for Tenvous in such a short space of time, and it shows what can be achieved if you really put your mind to it!

"Tenovus does a fantastic job in providing support and care to patients suffering with cancer, and also funds essential research projects into the disease.

"Without support from our leisure members, we would not have been able to organise the string of events that helped to raise the final sum. It's great to have members like Clive Hamilton who want to make a difference. In tough economic times, to raise £18,000 is a big achievement, and we are very pleased to have donated this to such a worthy cause."

Bethan Palfrey, challenge events fundraiser at Tenovus, said: "A big well done to everyone involved in raising this huge amount. Not only were some of the challenges they took on really tough, but to raise over £17,000 is no easy feat and to do it in such a short space of time is really incredible!"

It's the FW homestores PRICE CRASH BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

TAKE AN EXTRA 20% off SALE PRICES This Bank Holiday Weekend

Midimax. Super comfy3 seater sofa available in a wide choice of colours

RRP £499 Sale £249 EXTRA 20% you pay only £199 The Sofa

72 HOUR DELIVERY while stocks last

The Clinton. Super stylish, Leather and leather match 3 seater sofa. Available in a choice of 3 colours. See our website for details.

RRP £999 Sale £499 EXTRA 20% you pay only £399 The Sofa

The Detroit. Stunning design bonded leather 3 seater reclining sofa. Matching 2 seater and chairs availalbe

RRP £1259 Sale £629 EXTRA 20% you pay only £499 The Sofa

Celebrating 20 years of stylishly furnishing homes

Unit 5, Freemans Park, Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8TU. Tel: 02920 371970
www.fwhomestores.co.uk
Opening Times Mon: 9.30am - 6.00pm Tue - Sat: 9.30am - 6.00pm Sunday: 10.30am - 4.30pm
Stores also at: Caerphilly. Tel: 02920 884380 Newport. Tel: 01633 263985

NEW LATE NIGHT MONDAYS Open till 8pm

fw homestores .co.uk PENARTH ROAD CARDIFF

Where else can you get...
- INTEREST FREE CREDIT
- 72 HOUR DELIVERY Selected lines while stocks last
- 5 YEAR GUARANTEE

Finishing touches with our Designer Accessories

All with upto 60% OFF sale prices Huge Choice

Dilkit's game set was £78 £25 VW Camper picture was £339 £129

take up to 30 months free credit no interest, no charges, 0% Typical APR

A-Level results leave Ysgol Bro delighted!

ABOVE: Cowbridge girl Greta Isaac gained a Distinction in Performing Music, and two A grades.

ABOVE: Nia Spilsbury from Penarth (3As), Celyn Morris (2As and 1A – going on to study German/Italian); and Rhian Roberts from Bonvilston (3As – off to study medicine at Bristol University).*

*ABOVE: Ioan Williams (one A and two A*s) and Sam Sturgess (two As and one A*).*

Esyllt Jenkins from Dinas Powys (two As and a B) is going on to study pharmacy.

Wil Thomas and Harri Foster-Davies.

ABOVE: Luis Evans (left) and Will Owen – both achieved two As and one A.*

AT Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, there was delight at this year's A-Level results.

A school spokeswoman said: "Pupils, parents and teachers at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg are celebrating phenomenal A-Level examination results this year as the school achieved an outstanding pass rate of 100 per cent with each pupil attaining an E grade or above.

"The entries graded at A or A* were 37 per cent, which is 14 per cent above the national average. Fourteen pupils amassed a fantastic total of 45 A* and A grades between them in three or more subjects.

"Amongst the highest performers were Harri Foster Davies with five A* grades , who has been accepted to read medicine at Cambridge and Wil Thomas, with three A* grades who will read mathematics at Bath .

"Leading the way this year as the most popular subjects to study were mathematics and science, and 63 per cent of the pupils who studied chemistry achieved either an A* or A grade.

"They were closely followed by the mathematicians, where 60 per cent gained either an A* or A grade, and physics students recorded an equally impressive 57 per cent."

Headteacher Dylan Jones said: "We are delighted that all pupils have excelled in their own particular fields, in both the vocational and more traditional subjects and this year all pupils achieved the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate.

"We are extremely proud of the achievements of all our pupils who have fulfilled their potential with excellent results this year in a wide range of subjects, including French, German, Welsh, the humanities and the arts which all recorded a 100 per cent A*–C pass mark.

"We are delighted that as a school we continue to cater for and nurture each individual. Congratulations to all the pupils and staff and we wish our pupils well in the future."

The Vale Council cbinet member for children's services, Coun Chris Elmore, said: "As a council, we are delighted by the outstanding achievements of young people across the Vale, and we are committed to continuing to support teachers, governors and young people in our schools in achieving this incredible success.

"Huge congratulations to all at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, especially Harri and Wil."

PACT MEETINGS

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, today August 22 at 6pm.

Cadoc PACT, Palmerston Community and Learning Centre, Barry on September 11 at 6pm.

Wenvoe coffee and chat meeting at The Wenvoe Arms, today August 22 at 11am.

STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?

Don't replace the Frames... just the Panes!

Broken or Damaged Windows?
Faulty Hinges, Handles or Locks?
Want the latest energy saving glass?
5 year guarantee on new double glazing.

cloudy 2 CLEAR WINDOWS

REPLACING YOUR FAILED DOUBLE GLAZING

...we make saving money perfectly clear...

Call Freephone 0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com

What kind of dog will choose you?

We've got small ones, tall ones, cheeky ones and squeaky ones,

sporty ones, haughty ones, fluffy ones and scruffy ones.

If you're looking for a lovely dog come to Dogs Trust Bridgend.

- We've got lots of happy, healthy dogs
- They've been neutered and micro-chipped
- They're vaccinated and given a complete health-check
- We'll give your dog four weeks' free insurance
- You'll get free advice throughout your dog's life

To see all our dogs, visit our website, dogstrust.org.uk

You can trust a dog from DogsTrust

Summer Sale

Fantastic Savings on Big Brands

www.georgestreet.co.uk

G Plan • Stressless • Myers • Duresta
Parker Knoll • Lazboy & Many More

at Prices Never Knowingly Beaten

SALE MUST END THIS WEEKEND

Carpet Remnants upto 70% OFF

Finance Readily Available*

OFFER EXTENDED To end of August 2013

FREE Nest of tables when you buy a Nimbus Dining Table & 4 Chairs**

Summer Sale

THE WESTPOINT
Our Best Selling Corner Unit
Leather Seats, Choice of Colours
Originally £1299 Save £400 NOW JUST £899

Est. 1951

*Subject to status, see in store for details • **Terms and conditions apply, see in store for details • Images are for illustration purposes only

GEORGE STREET FURNISHERS
Furniture • Carpets • Beds • Bathrooms

NEWPORT 01633 214241
19-24 George Street, Newport, NP20 1EN (Just off George St Bridge on A48)
BH Mon 10am-5pm; Thurs 9am-8pm • Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat 9am-5.30pm • Sun 11am-5pm

CARDIFF 02920 492727
374 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF23 9AE (Next to the Range)
BH Mon 10am-5pm • Tues-Fri 10am-6pm • Sat 9.30am-6pm • Sun 10.30 - 4.30pm

Mark (and pals) are set for a cross-Channel bike ride

A FIREFIGHTER and his friends are set to take on a marathon cycle ride from Barry Island to Gibraltar – in aid of the charity, Action for Children.

South Wales Fire Rescue Service's Mark Potter, Neil Goodrich, Matthew Price, and Mark's wife, Linette Potter (who will drive alongside the team for support), are planning to set off from Marco's Cafe on Barry Island on September 6 – cycle 1,600miles across the Continent – and finish at Gibraltar's Rock 16 days later.

The money they raise will go towards Action for Children projects across Wales, including the Vale of Glamorgan short breaks project in Barry, which provides services to children and young people with disabilities.

The breaks help local children take time away from their normal lives, enjoy exciting new experiences, and give them the chance to make new friends and have fun.

ABOVE: The team is pictured with Marco at the cafe.

Speaking of the forthcoming journey, Mr Potter said: "We've taken part in a cross-country bike ride before, but we've never attempted to cross an entire continent. The boys are gearing up for the challenge and we've each been putting in about four hours of training a day – we'll need to be in good condition to hit our target of 100 miles per day."

The trek will see the five travel 160 miles from Barry to Poole, where they will cross the Channel with support from Brittany Ferries. The last leg of the journey will see the group cycle from Cherbourg, France, to Gibraltar in a 1,500 mile stretch.

Mr Potter continued: "The fact that we're doing this to help disabled, disadvantaged, and vulnerable children and young adults, and their families is really strong motivation for us.

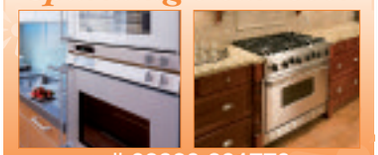
"In some ways, Action for Children's job is understated – many people aren't aware of the work that they carry out in the community, helping vulnerable individuals to overcome abuse, discrimination and a lack of understanding.

"But this doesn't mean the work they do is any less important. They help these young people to fulfil their potential, and to reach aspirations in their lives that would of almost certainly not been available to them otherwise.

"They help these youngsters to cope and teach them life skills. We hope to raise as much money as possible for their cause."

Stephen Wornham, fundraiser at Action for Children, said: "We're extremely grateful to Mark, Neil and Matt, who are doing such an extraordinary feat for the young people and families that we support.

"We'll be following their progress each day from their twitter feed, set up especially for the ride, and we hope that people really get behind their efforts and support them. We wish them all the best and look forward to cheering them to the finish line."

eco-oven cleaning
to a Treat yourself
Sparkling clean oven

call 02920 291770
www.ecoovencleaning.co.uk

Richard Couzens
MACHINERY LTD
Tel: 01446 771660
Mob: 07854 125404
Up to £100 Cash Back continued offer on Honda Mowers. Limited number only. 3 -7 years warranty. Unique Offer only at Richard Couzens.
Cash Paid for Old Mowers
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THIS MOWER!

(Worth £530)
SERVICE • SALES • SPARES
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
Look closely at the two pictures of Honda mowers to the right and spot the one difference between the two. Highlight the mistake and send your completed entry to Richard Couzens at the address below.
Closing date 16th Sept 2013. Winner will be notified by phone.

Name . . . . . .
Address . . . . . .
Tel. No. . . . . Email . . . . . .
Unit 10a, Vale Business Park, Llandow
www.richardcouzens.co.uk

Choir a hit with staff *and patients*

MORE than two dozen staff at Llandough have joined the newly-formed University Hospital choir.

It is also a hit with patients who are listening into rehearsals of the choir set up following the success of the hospital's carol service last December.

Rev Dr Avril Dafydd-Lewis, one of the driving forces behind setting it up, said: "Those of us who are already established in the choir wonder how we managed without it.

"It has been a great boost to morale and our working environment."

You can follow The GEM on Twitter: @gem_news

DON'T MISS THE FINAL DAYS OF THE FURNITURE SALE
OPEN ALL OVER THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 10 - 5.30
REAL VALUE
Quality and Comfort at prices you can afford
GENUINE OFFERS
WE HAVE BIG SAVINGS THROUGHOUT THE STORE!

25% off LA-Z-BOY
Fireside Chairs
From only £199.95
An extra 10% OFF
IN STOCK
Lift and Rise Chairs
at a fraction of the cost of Mobility centres
VAT Free
Lift and rise chairs in stock from £399.95
SLEEP WELL FEEL GREAT!
Choose from leading brands in bed care...
SAVE 50%
VAT Free
Can you afford to miss it!
DON'T MISS YOUR FINAL CHANCE FOR BIG SAVINGS AT ONE OF THE LARGEST FURNITURE STORES IN WALES
Our Commitment...
Unit 1, Retail Area, Llandow Ind. Est, Nr Cowbridge. CF71 7PA
Tel: (01446) 772927/772928
SAT NAV CF71 7PA
THE Place for Homes
Visit our website at www.theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

C.S. Boxall is a family business established since 1990

C.S.Boxall Ltd.

Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Work

Over 30 years experience in the industry.

WORCESTER Bosch Group

Gas, Oil & Solid Fuel Boiler Installations. Please take advantage of our Free Survey

AGA & RAYBURN

Installation, Service and Breakdown

Servicing from £80

For all your Tool, Plant Hire & Garden Equipment

VISIT OUR WAREHOUSE FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING, HEATING AND DRAINAGE SUPPLIES

01446 772292

Visit our website: www.csboxall.co.uk

OPEN: 8am 'til 5pm

Office 01446 772444 - Freephone 0800 849 1254

39F Vale Business Park, Llandow, Nr Cowbridge, CF71 7PF

1940s kitchen – in time for Wartime Weekend!

WITH only two weeks to go until the annual Barry Wartime Weekend event, Barry at War Group have opened their latest attraction at the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre – a wartime kitchen.

The Wartime Weekend organiser, Ade Pitman, explained: "I personally couldn't live without a microwave and freezer, but these are relatively new appliances in the home.

"Our 1940s kitchen exhibit that we've managed to squeeze into our tiny museum, aims to educate people about domestic life back then.

"We're still looking for some items to finish the project. One such item is the front screen of a 'pie cupboard'. This was a simple cupboard that using a stone shelf helped to keep pies and other meat products cool.

"The popular use of fridges didn't come around until the late 1950s, and even then they were luxury items."

Ade continued: "The Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre is often referred to as a military museum, although we aim to show the Home Front of the area's wartime heritage.

"The Barry Wartime Weekend event, which will be held on the weekend after the Bank Holiday, will show many other aspects of the Barry Home Front during the Second World War.

"There will be air raids, escaped German Prisoners of War and an exhibition by the 'Scallywags' of the British Resistance who would have been Britain's last line of defence should the Nazis have invaded.

"Many local schools are studying this period of history from September so we hope that families will take the opportunity to bring their kids to this free educational family event.

"We will be bringing history to life, and would encourage children to make their own gas mask boxes, and to dress as evacuees. There's information about this at the Wartime Weekend website."

SPITFIRE REPLICA

Visitors can also get up-to-the-minute information of what's taking place by following the event at the Wartime Weekend Twitter feed @Wartimeweekend.

Along with the Home Front, Barry Island will bristle with military hardware.

There will be weapons and military vehicles on display at the Barry Tourist Railway Station, and a full-sized replica Spitfire, kindly sponsored by Barry Town Council will be located inside the Barry Island Pleasure Park.

Adding to the Forties nostalgia, the 'Back to 43' 1940s party, featuring three of the best period acts in the UK, will be held at the Barry Island Community Centre, on the Saturday evening.

Advance tickets are available at a reduced price of £5, or £3 for OAPs.

Ade concluded: "The Barry Wartime Weekend aims to be a fun packed and educational community event to conclude Barry's summer season of events.

"Money raised at the event will go towards supporting the work of the Barry at War Group, and to fund further improvements to the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre.

"Visitors will have the opportunity to enter a simple quiz about our wartime heritage, while kids can win a prize for finding the six rats hidden around the show.

"We will also be holding a raffle, with the winner having a professional photograph of them dressed in RAF uniform sitting in the Spitfire."

You can find out more about the Barry Wartime Weekend or the 'Back to 43' 1940s party by visiting the website at www.wartimeweekend.co.uk, or by calling Ade Pitman on 07930 874161.

Sony in line for an award

PENCOED-based Sony UK technology centre has been shortlisted as a finalist for the 2013 Best Factory Awards (BFA).

The awards, which are now in their 22nd year, recognise manufacturing excellence in the UK and are run by Cranfield School of Management, in partnership with the magazine Works Management.

Sony is the only Welsh organisation to make the shortlist and is now one of the 14 companies selected to compete for the prestigious prize of BFA Factory of the Year.

Is your kitchen looking unwell?

Then call the Door Doctor

A family business with vast experience in the replacement door and worktop market. Everything you require from the doors, to worktops and new appliances and sinks.

FREE FITTING LIMITED OFFER

DOOR DOCTOR

less mess, less cost

The Door Doctor

www.door-doctor.co.uk

01446 688018/01656 360027

Priest in the footsteps of exiled French Emperor

ST HELENA, famous as the island exile of Emperor Napoleon, is situated in the South Atlantic, 1,200 miles from the coast of Africa, and 1,800 miles from the coast of South America.

Roy Doxsey, a priest who has recently returned from the island, will lead the services at the Barry churches of Merthyr Dyfan and St Paul's on Sunday (August 25).

Here Father Roy Doxsey describes his unique experiences of a three month visit to the island as Priest in Charge in the spring of this year…

WHEN I was asked by the Bishop of St Helena, Richard Fenwick, if I would become Priest in Charge of St Helena for three months, I had no idea where the island was, or what I would find there.

I discovered that it was one of the most remote inhabited islands in the world.

I was flown by the RAF from Brize Norton to South Africa to join the mail boat St Helena, for a five-day voyage to the island.

The French Emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, was exiled there, as it is so remote he had no chance of escape.

Unlike me, he did not enjoy his time there. He died six years later (in controversial circumstances).

I must admit for the first few weeks I did feel very cut off and could sympathise with him.

Soon, however, I made new friends and found the islanders, known as Saints, to be extremely friendly and welcoming.

I had charge of the Anglican Church of St James, in Jamestown, the capital of the island and I was also responsible for three other Anglican churches, the hospital, two schools and the prison.

The prison was full, but it only held eight prisoners!

The population of St Helena is some 3,800, mainly descendants of British settlers. English is the only language spoken on St Helena, although most speak their own dialect of the English language.

The island is a British dependency and more British, in many ways, than Britain is today!

Christianity has deep roots in St Helena, and has played a symbolic part in the island's community. The majority of the people belong to the Church of England, being members of the diocese of St Helena, which includes Ascension Island.

Other denominations of Christianity represented on the Island are Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Baptist and in more recent times, Seventh Day Adventists – and surprisingly, a large group of Jehovahs Witnesses.

All the denominations get on extremely well together.

St Helena has no airport and the only mode of travel is by the Royal Mail Ship 'St Helena' which provides a regular service part of the year from the United Kingdom via Tenerife and Ascension Island, in summer, and in the winter from Cape Town, South Africa.

The public bus service on St Helena is fairly new and is very limited. Most roads are single lane and etiquette requires a driver coming down to make way for upcoming traffic.

The St Helena pound is used on the island, which is fixed at parity with the British pound sterling.

It was a wonderful experience to serve the people as their priest, for three months, and if you wish to cut yourself off from everybody and go back to the 1950s, you will meet very friendly people. I commend St Helena to you.

One of the best things about the island is that mobile phones do not work there, so you can socialise and not be constantly be interrupted by wretched mobile phones!

Father Roy Doxsey will lead the services and preach, at the Barry churches of Merthyr Dyfan on Sunday morning at 8.45am and at St Paul's Church, in St Paul's Avenue in Barry at 10am.

Everyone is welcome on Sunday morning to meet Father Doxsey and talk about his time on St Helena.

You can also meet Father Roy's famous Jack Russell terriors Megan and Jasper – always a great favourites with all the children! ***TS***

RAFA celebrations are set for lift-off

BARRY RAFA's 75th anniversary began in July with a buffet reception in the Mayor's parlour, but celebrations are about to really take off with the branch involved in 'Wings Week' and the Barry Wartime Weekend community event on August 31 and September 1.

RAFA's stand will be in the Barry Island Pleasure Park, next to the life-sized replica Spitfire and the branch will also be holding an open day at King Square on Saturday, September 7, between 10am – 2pm.

There will be a free historical display in Barry library throughout 'Wings Week' – September 7–14 – supported by the Barry at War Group, and on Sunday September 8, a short Battle of Britain Remembrance service will be held at the cenotaph, Gladstone Road at 11.45am, when wreaths may be laid.

Celebrations will continue with a charity concert on October 11, in St Mary's Church, Holton Road, at 7.30pm, with performances from guest host Ben Smith from 'Only Men Aloud' and the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band. Tickets are already available for this event.

On November 14, the branch will be holding a dinner at which international harpist Bethan Myfanwy Hughes will be performing. This is open to individuals, groups, and especially former RAF or RAFA branch members to join in the celebrations.

Also successfully launched this year is the branch monthly anniversary lotto fundraising draw at only £1 a month.

For details on activities or welfare work in the Vale for serving and ex-serving RAF personnel or their dependents, speak to a branch member at the open day, or contact/text Howard Provis 07884 331853 or email howard.provis@ntlworld.com.

Local children learn to have fun in safety

HUNDREDS of children and their families descended on Romilly Park in Barry recently to enjoy an afternoon of fun, organised by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, and Play Aloud team, to celebrate National Play Day.

A spokesperson said: "The arts and crafts area was especially popular, with an emphasis on creating costumes and props for superheroes. Den building, sand and water play, cardboard city and the sports activities as well as the face painting were also huge hits with the young visitors.

"The theme of the Play Day was 'Playful Places'. The campaign calls on everyone to ensure that children have safe and fun places to hang out together and play."

Coun Gwyn John, the Vale council's cabinet member with responsibility for play, said: "Families lead such busy lives these days, but it's so important to dedicate time to play with your children as a family. We hope this is something the families that attended our event take away with them as the benefits of play can't be underestimated – it's also really good fun as well!"

Jane Hutt, the Vale Assembly Member, also attended the event and took part in activities on offer with family members.

Cycle ride raises £14,000 for charity

A WENVOE man now living in London, David Robbins, raised £14,000 for Ty Hafan on a cycle ride in memory of his sister Quirine.

She had been a strong supporter of the children's hospice at Sully.

The cycle ride 'La Marmotte', one of the toughest one-day cycle rides in the world, is one of the Tour de France's most iconic climbs.

The course is 174 km long and involves around 5,000m of climbing. Thanks to some serious training, David completed the ride in nine hours and 44 minutes, The GEM was told.

Massive Bedroom Furniture Sale

Town & Country Bedrooms are clearing massive stocks of bedroom furniture. Both fitted and Freestanding displays and special order stocks are being drastically reduced. Don't miss out on this special opportunity. These are genuine clearance reductions not to be confused with gimmick sales promotions of some companies.

THIS FANTASTIC BESPOKE SLIDING DOOR WARDROBE DISPLAY IN DARK WALNUT COLOUR WITH GREY METAL COLOUR GLASS CENTRE PANELS. THE INTERIORS AS SHOWN BELOW INCLUDE DOUBLE & SINGLE HANGING SECTIONS PLUS SHELVING AND AN INTERIOR 4 DRAWER UNIT. THE WIDTH CAN BE FITTED BEWTEEN 2900MM AND 3100MM THE HEIGHT CAN BE FITTED BETWEEN 2250MM AND 2400MM. FULLY INSTALLED BY US WITH A 10 YEAR GUARANTEE ON THE SLIDING DOOR MECHANISMS.EXTRA PARTS OR MODIFICATIONS AVAILABLE AT EXTRA COST IF REQUIRED.

WAS ~~£2516~~

Only £999

WAS ~~£1846~~

Only £1145

HIGH QUALITY WIEMANN "SEMI FITTED" SLIDING DOOR WARDROBE WITH 2 BLACK GLASS DOORS AND A CENTRE MIRROR DOOR. CHUNKY SIDE PROFILES IN WALNUT FINISH AND FREE TRIPLE LED DOWNLIGHTS COMPLETE THE LOOK. FREE DELIVERY & ASSEMBLY. SOFT CLOSE DOOR MECHANISMS INCLUDED.
2 SHELVES & ONE RAIL IN ALL COMPARTMENTS
2900MM WIDE X 2360MM HIGH

WAS ~~£1776~~

Only £1149

THIS SUPERB RAUCH ELEGANT CORNER ROBE RUN IN WALNUT AND BLACK GLASS MEASURES 1980MM LEFT HAND BY 2380MM RIGHT HAND BUT CAN BE MODIFIED.
2260MM HIGH WITH FREE DELIVERY & ASSEMBLY.
MATCHING CHESTS & CUPBOARDS AVAILABLE

DOZENS OF OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE - CALL IN NOW!

Town & Country Bedrooms

DESIGN · MANUFACTURE · INSTALL

www.townandcountrybedrooms.co.uk

Unit 1 North Point
Western Avenue
Bridgend Industrial Est.
Bridgend CF31 3RX
Tel: 01656 657526

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

EDUCATION & TRAINING

...Blake is off to study 'sports and science exercise'

BLAKE WALL

BLAKE WALL achieved an A, two Bs and a C in his A-Levels, securing his place at Aberystwyth University to study sports and science exercise.

He attended Ysgol Sant Curig Primary School then Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg Comprehensive, before completing his A Levels in English at Barry Comprehensive.

The school is holding its **Annual Open Evening** for those parents who wish their children to attend Year 7 in September 2014.

Anyone interested may obtain more details and **'The Welcome Pack'** by e-mailing **OpenEvening@PorthcawlSchool.co.uk** or by telephoning **01656 774100**.

Porthcawl is a traditional school with a proven track record of excellence for all. Examination results have been consistently above local and national averages.

This is what Estyn (School Inspectors) said about us:-

"Transition arrangements from both primary into secondary and into the Sixth Form are very strong. The outstanding primary/secondary liaison is very well co-ordinated".

"Behaviour is very good, based on self-discipline and outstanding relationships exist between students and teachers".

"The overall provision for pupils and students personal development is an outstanding feature of the school".

"The quality of the accommodation is good and in some areas very good. The provision of ICT facilities is an outstanding feature of the school".

"The school has a very rigorous approach to bullying; there are very good follow up procedures".

"There is an exceptional range of extra-curricular activities, held mainly during lunchtimes and after school, the participation rates are very high".

MUSIC TUITION
Penny Weedon Kerr
FLCM ARCO LGSM
PIANO/ KEYBOARD LESSONS
01446 792171

barry-today.co.uk
cowbridge-today.co.uk
llantwit-major-today.co.uk
porthcawl-today.co.uk
bridgend-today.co.uk

MATHS TUTOR
with Maths degree (CRB checked).
01446 753772
07815 128313

TUITION
Qualified & experienced teacher offering tuition of English, French and Spanish to both children and adults (beginners up to A-Level).
Tel: 01446 420035 or 07814 257641

French Tuition
Experienced teacher (native speaker)
Suitable for GCSE, A-Level, Conversational & Business
Treoes, Cowbridge
01656 856107

PIANO TUITION
Matthew Nash BA. MA.
All ages.
home visits available.
10% off for GEM readers
07904 855581
www.ace-music.org

Come Dancing with Steve and Lynne!

STRICTLY Come Dancing with Steve and Lynne (undefeated Welsh Open Latin American Champions and Wales's representatives in Belgium, New Zealand, Italy and Spain) – and have a ball!

Steve and Lynne have been teaching in Cardiff, Penarth and Barry for 10 years and are "loving every minute."

They are IDTA professionally qualified teachers.

Their classes are great fun, very vibrant, and as well as burning up loads of calories – losing weight and getting fit – everyone learns a new skill.

"Come along and give it a go – bring your friends as well – our classes are tailor-made for beginners (and for people with two left feet!) and we have pupils of all ages.

"All former pupils are welcome at beginners' and intermediate level, and there's no need to book. Just pay as you go!

"There is nothing to pay in advance, and no registration fee. If you prefer to book your place – you can do it online on our website – and then your place is secured – HYPER-LINK"http://www.salsachacha.com" www.salsachacha.com.

Alternatively, phone 029 20758708 to book your place. Check the advertisement on this page for our new classes starting in September.

Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!

Come dancing with Steve and Lynne (2 qualified I.D.T.A. teachers) at their NEW BEGINNERS CLASSES in BALLROOM/LATIN/SALSA at:

HIGHLIGHT PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE, BARRY, (behind Tesco's), every THURSDAY, starting SEPTEMBER 5th 7.30 - 8.30pm (New Intermediate 8.30 - 9.30pm)

and . . . LOWER PENARTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, Brockhill Way, (opp Spar), PENARTH every MONDAY, starting SEPTEMBER 2nd, 8 - 9pm (New Intermediate 9-10pm)

Learn to Salsa, Jive, Tango, Waltz, Cha-cha, Samba, Quickstep, Paso Doble, Merengue, Rumba, Foxtrot!

Check Web for more info and to book your place:

www.salsachacha.com

Or alternatively, come along on the night, bring friends to our VIBRANT, fun and friendly classes and get fit!!

Just £6; Students £5 - Former pupils most welcome

Tel 02920 758708 *or* **07866 551346**

Porthcawl 'delighted' with A-level results

PORTHCAWL Comprehensive School is "delighted" with its excellent A-Level results, having again outperformed the local and national averages.

A remarkable 33 per cent of the entry resulted in the top grades of A* or A.

Headteacher Mr Slade says the success is due to the hard work and dedication of staff and students, and the vital support from parents at home.

As September looms, Porthcawl Comprehensive School is set to welcome record numbers of year-7 and year-12 students and this year will be joined by pupils from 15 different primary schools.

Clearly, parents have confidence in our school, and the recent results certainly repay this confidence in us.

• ***Any parent who wishes to have more information about possible entry to our school, can obtain a welcome pack by telephoning the school on 01656 774100.***

Looking to advertise in over 42,000 newspapers AND online?
Call us on 01446 774484, or email gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Welsh Week in Barry will answer all your questions!

WELSH Day on King's Square, Barry, takes place on *Wednesday, September 4,* from 10am – 5pm.

Visit Dilys the Campervan to find about Welsh courses, take part in a circus workshop (between 12pm and 4pm) and enjoy FREE Welsh taster courses at the library all day!

Cymraeg over a Cuppa: *September 5,* Blue Deli Cafe, 3 Thompson Street, CF63 4JL at 3pm.

Come and talk to Welsh learners about their experiences and enjoy a FREE cuppa and a cake!

Supermarket Radio Roadshow: *September 6*, at Morrisons, Penny Way – all day!

Come down and see the Real Radio presenters, learn about Welsh courses, and get some freebies!

Tedi Twt Welsh Storytime: *September 7*, at Barry Library/Llyfrgell y Barri – 12pm.

Enjoy reading some Welsh books with your children. Don't forget to bring your teddy!

Sign up evening: *September 9,* at Barry Comprehensive School/Ysgol Gyfun y Barri – 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

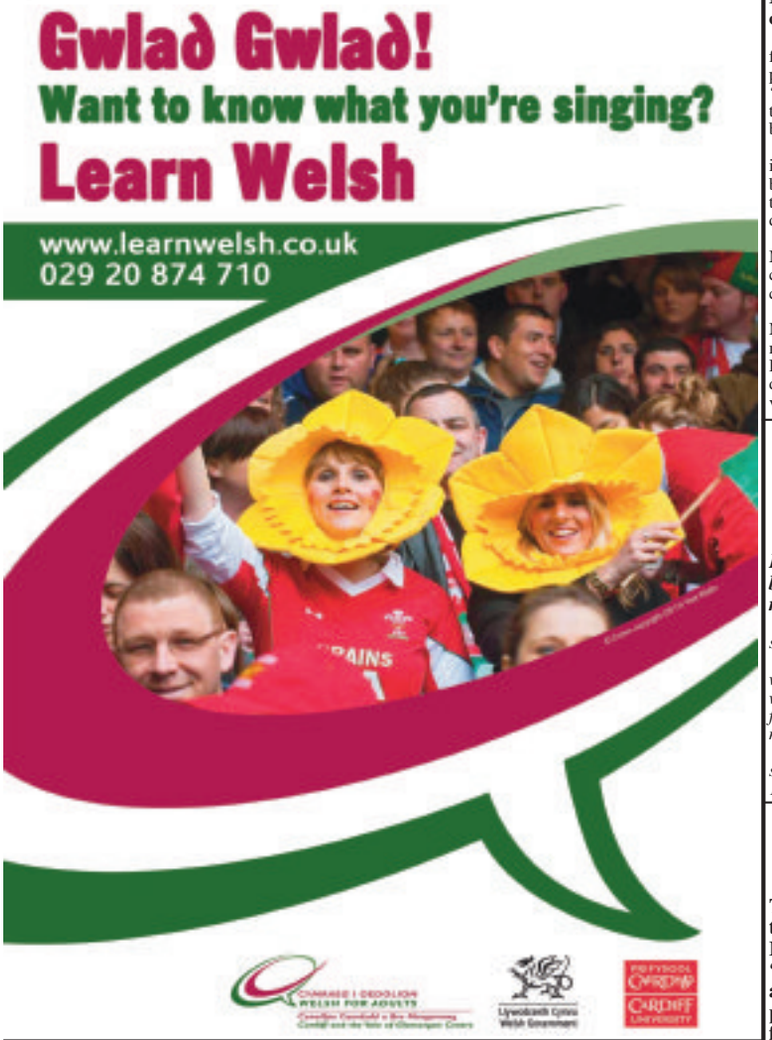
Chat about which Welsh course would suit you best, and find out about any fee concessions you may be entitled to.

Sign up day: *September 10,* at Barry Library/Llyfrgell y Barri, 10am – 1pm.

Come along for a chat and also, enjoy a FREE Welsh taster course!

Sign up evening: *September 11,* at Palmerston Learning Centre 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

A chance to have a chat about which Welsh course would suit you best and find out about possible fee concessions.



'A New Journey' for the 16-24 year olds

WHETHER they have received disappointing grades or it has been some time since they left school, 16-24-year-olds can now access advice and information by attending their New Journey events next month.

New Journey is a partnership programme funded by the Job Centre Plus, touring the Vale, and talking to young people about education, employment and training, alcohol and drugs, local services, volunteering and housing.

New Journey events: **Wednesday, August 21**, King Square, Barry, 12pm-4pm; **Wednesday, September 4**, Cogan Leisure Centre, Penarth, 1pm-4pm; **Wednesday, September 11**, Cogan Leisure Centre, Penarth, 12pm-4pm; **Wednesday, September 18**, VCVS, Holm View, Gibbonsdown, 1pm-4pm; **Wednesday, September 25,** VCVS, Holm View, Gibbonsdown, 1pm-4pm; **Wednesday, October 2,** VCVS, Holm View, Gibbonsdown, 12pm-4pm.

For more information, contact Vibe Experience on 01446 700 622 or email louise@vibeexperience.com.

MORE PASSENGERS AT CARDIFF AIRPORT

FIGURES released by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) show Cardiff Airport passenger numbers have grown by 6 per cent, totalling 134,173 in July compared to the same month last year.

This follows 9 per cent growth in May and 10 per cent growth in June, making an average growth of 8.3 per cent for the three months.

"The rolling year comparison shows passenger numbers rising over the million passenger mark to 1,016,603 for the period August 2012 to July 2013. August has also started well with the first week recording an increase of 17% over the same week in 2012," an airport spokesperson said.

The airlines which showed the strongest growth were Vueling, Air Malta, and Aer Lingus. The increased schedule introduced by Vueling shows passenger growth soaring over 2012 due to the new three times a week service to Malaga and Alicante. Barcelona also proved popular increasing over the same time last year.

Commenting on the figures, Jon Horne, Chief Executive of Cardiff Airport said: "This is really positive news and it is great to see passenger numbers growing once again. It is a relatively small start, but we are confident there is a trend established and the beginning of our strategy to win back those passengers that have been lost to Bristol and other airports in England.

"The challenge for us is straightforward, if we bring back the choice of flights, people will choose Cardiff again and this is what is happening. The point has been proved by Vueling, whose capacity has increased by 97% in 2013 compared to last year, and people are responding to that choice."

Half marathon test for an AM

Plaid Cymru AM, Bethan Jenkins, is to tackle the Cardiff Half Marathon in October – to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy campaign.

She will join a group from the charity taking part in the run, dubbed 'Team Orange' owing to the campaign's striking brand colour.

Funds raised will help it to support groundbreaking research into the muscle-wasting condition.

She explained: "The Muscular Dystrophy campaign is a cause close to my heart.

"Growing up in Merthyr, a friend of mine from the village of Heolgerrig had muscular dystrophy. We were very close, but he sadly died many years ago.

"We spent many a weekend fundraising on his behalf, and for others in the area, by organising bring and buy sales, cake sales, sponsored walks and so forth. I take great pride in having helped out, if only in a small way, as a child.

"Now that I am an Assembly Member, chairing the cross-arty group on Muscular Dystrophy, I am running to raise awareness of the work that groups across Wales do in this field."

• *To find out more about entering the Cardiff Half Marathon for the Muscular Dystrophy campaign, visit http://www.musculardystrophy.org/get_involved/fundraising_events/6289_cardiff_half_marathon.*

Budding star Olivia meets a legend at Wimbledon...

LEFT: Tim Henman with Olivia Chivers.

BARRY tennis prodigy Olivia Chivers experienced the thrill of a lifetime on Saturday as she joined former British No.1 Tim Henman at the HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 and Under Challenge Finals.

The 14-year-old Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School pupil, who qualified for Wimbledon as one of 20 runners-up having finished second in the Glamorgan County Finals, beat both Alexandra Kendal and Aisha Brown in her group games before exiting the competition following a 6-1, 6-2 defeat to eventual semi-finalist Nell Miller.

The David Lloyd Tennis Club star revealed arriving as a player at the All England Lawn Tennis Club this year was without doubt the highlight of her summer: "It felt really good to be playing at Wimbledon on the courts as it a very special place and it was great to meet Tim Henman," said Olivia.

"My dream is to make it back here one day as a professional tennis player, which is why it was so good to see Andy Murray win his second grand slam here."

More than 20,000 children from all over Britain competed throughout the summer in pursuit of following in the footsteps of Andy Murray by playing at Wimbledon, with the top 128 boys and girls earning the chance to compete at the National Finals.

She even got the chance to meet former British number one Tim Henman – an ambassador for HSBC, sponsor of the Road to Wimbledon – as he spent time with the players, signed autographs, and posed for photos with the finalists.

"The excitement of coming through the gates is still the same for me. It has the best tennis tournament in the world and it is a huge motivating factor for all the kids," said Henman, a four-time Wimbledon semi-finalist.

"You see them out here on the grass where the greats of the game played and it is inspiring and that is where Wimbledon plays a huge part in generating the sport's interest."

The HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 and Under Challenge is the UK's largest national junior grass court tournament and forms part of HSBC's investment in the stars of the future.

HATTIE LEE

Changes to school meals payments

FROM September, parents will no longer be able to pay for their children's school meals by cheque.

The Vale Council is implementing a new payment system and is asking parents to air their views.

Cash payments will still be accepted, but these will also be phased out over time. Instead, parents will need to make payments for school meals via the following methods: telephone payment; online payment; or Pay Point.

Visit the school meals pages on the council's website www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or call 01446 700 111.

Volunteers raise £2,200 for children's charity

THE local Barry committee of the children's charity, Action Medical Research, is saying 'thank you' to local companies and schools who have taken part in the annual cream tea fundraiser and afternoon tea organised by the charity.

Volunteers delivered cream teas directly to the workplace, and also offered a traditional afternoon tea party in a local hall on July 5 and August 16.

Over 350 cream teas were delivered to schools and businesses in Barry, Penarth and Dinas Powys.

With help from Sainsbury's local, Co-op, Tesco, Morrisons and Marks and Spencer who donated scones and strawberries, £1,500 was raised from the cream teas and £700 from the afternoon tea by the Barry committee for the charity. The money will help fund the charity's vital life saving work, like one of the projects currently being funded at Cardiff University that is studying Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome, a rare and often devastating illness with no cure and no treatment.

FASHION SHOW

A fashion show by Samantha B fashions of Ewenny, is being held on Thursday, September 26 at 2.30pm in the Millennium Hall, Barry.

Tickets may be obtained from Samantha B fashions or Tracey Edwards.

To find out how your company can get involved, or if you wish to become a committee member, contact Tracey Edwards, community fundraising manager on 01225 776691.

Comic book film is great, BUT NOT FOR MORAL GUARDIANS!

WHILE the superhero genre continues to go from strength to strength, it was given a well-placed blow to the unmentionables by 2010's *Kick Ass*.

Taking the genre and running it through the everyday world, it was action packed, realistic and witty as hell, making the odds of a sequel very high.

In *Kick Ass 2* (again adapted from Mark Millar and John Romita Jr's comic book series), we meet up again with Kick Ass (Aaron Taylor Johnson), whose actions have inspired many other costumed crime fighters.

When he joins up with a group led by Colonel Stars and Stripes (Jim Carrey), the plan is to eradicate crime for good – but when the returning Red Mist (Christopher Mintz Plasse) decides to pursue Kick Ass and his group, it calls for the specific set of skills of the retired Hit Girl (Chloe Grace Moretz)...

Three years ago the moral guardians of the country became appalled when *Kick Ass* hit screens; with a mind-blowing level of violence and (even worse) an 11-year-old girl hurling expletives while murdering nameless henchmen, the film was criticised and pilloried.

This time around, one of the film's own stars, Jim Carrey, has publicly declared he cannot promote a film with such a casual attitude towards violence (which makes you wonder why Mr Carrey took the job in the first place on the evidence of the first film).

It's a shame that such a furore has developed over something so frivolous, as while *Kick Ass 2* certainly pushes the boundaries of taste and violence, it is also an film that is not shy to highlight the negatives of vigilantism and also the importance of youth and being your own person.

In fact it is just as good as the first outing, the only black mark going against it coming from director Jeff Wadlow, who does a sterling job but whose lack of experience is highlighted during some of the action sequences.

What Wadlow does do well is adapt the source material to fit the big screen - no matter how much you think the boundaries have been pushed on film, the pages of the comic book are far more shocking, and Wadlow manages to filter this to make it edgy but without the caustic feel that springs from the pages.

The performances all strike the right notes with Aaron Taylor Johnson bringing a more subtle and grown-up turn as the titular hero, burdened by the pressures of home and of his alter-ego, while Chloe Grace Moretz anchors the film as her character learns there is more to life than shooting guns and killing bad guys, her story arc carrying the most weight and the actress delivers an outstanding turn.

There are satisfying small turns from the likes of Carrey (his vigilante sequences now come with a massive dollop of irony), John Leguizamo and Morris Chestnut, while Christopher Mintz Plasse lays McLovin to bed in a turn that is by turns shocking and hilarious, but highly watchable.

With mature, dramatic themes underpinning the more over the top aspects of the story, *Kick Ass 2* manages to equal its progenitor, the film a suitable follow-up that, on the basis of a small post-credits scene, should hopefully return for a third outing.

VERDICT - A sequel that delivers just as much shock and awe as its first outing, *Kick Ass 2* is delightful film if not one for the squeamish and the self-righteous.

Hilarity mixes with moments of real pathos as Mark Millar and John Romita Jr's comic book makes a successful, and stylish, visit to the big screen. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Kick Ass* (2010), *The Dark Knight* (2008)

by GARETH JAMIESON
Follow Screen Talk on Twitter – @GEMScreenTalk

Vale MP welcomes 'falling jobless rate'

THE Vale's Conservative MP, Alun Cairns, has welcomed unemployment data for Barry and the rest of the Vale recently published by the Office for National Statistics.

He reported: "The number of unemployed claimants in the Vale constituency in July 2013 was 2,018. This represents a rate of 4.3 per cent of the economically active population aged 16 to 64. The number of claimants in the Vale is 419 lower than in July 2012 and shows a further reduction than the figures for June this year.

"It's so good to see that the fall in unemployment figures for the Vale continues. The downward trend in the number of claimants for the Vale continues a consistent fall over the last eight months.

"Another positive for the local economy across our communities in the Vale, is that the employment rate is rising," he said.

"In my role as a small business ambassador, I'm particularly pleased to see that over 1.3 million new private sector jobs have been created in the last three years across the UK.

"I'm keen to make sure that the issues raised with me by small businesses and traders across the Vale are heard in Government, and that changes can be made to best support our entrepreneurs and small business owners grow their companies.

"The latest example of this was when I attended the launch of Pawfection – a great new Barry business created by Michelle Inch, herself a young ambassador with the Prince's Trust."

Ty Hafan lottery winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 788.

- **£2,000: 789325**.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £4,500, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 550336, 625814, 809510, 752982, 777038, 914487, 646998, 387737, 103784, 986758, 376811, 900633, 171847, 402845, 346469, 515290, 854506, 563343, 169891, 385787.
- **£5:** 199939, 870378, 898147, 772174, 313841, 439240, 882881, 581112, 399060, 741161, 839834, 281421, 854883, 131365, 334968, 132346, 437395, 860303, 348293, 596590, 553477, 819959, 529637, 591872, 318067, 423017, 612370, 639320, 606394, 868133, 690582, 451862, 432087, 106751, 653479, 850582, 846361, 111917, 530009, 645201, 488000, 792574, 347819, 190262, 405067, 471985, 170578, 800788, 375866, 246951, 214025, 760995, 299852, 550817, 993415, 795900, 443657, 707250, 587965.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

CHURCH OPEN FOR FESTIVAL

THE public will be invited to visit St Mary's Church, Penmark (c1200), which will be manned from 12midday – 5pm on Saturday, September 7, when the popular PENFEST Music Festival takes place in the village.

Enjoy a display of parish people and take the opportunity to peruse registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths. Call 01446 719420 for details.

Water bus and skittles outings

THERE is no official meeting in August, but Cadoxton (Barry) WI members are still active.

On August 7, they visited Cardiff Bay ,and again used public transport and bus passes. After a stroll through the man-made beach where children were having a wonderful time, and through the showground and crafts stalls, it was time for a break.

After lunch, a water bus took members to the city centre and Bute Park. The following week was the annual skittles match between Sully and Cadoxton, held at Barry Dock Conservative Club.

Sadly, Cadoxton lost the match, but Sully had the duck! Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm.

Guests and new members are welcome. Contact 01446 404891 for more information.

WENVOE
Garden Buildings & Paving Centre

Wenvoe Garden Buildings & Paving Centre
Style Gardens Centre
Port Road, Wenvoe
Cardiff,
CF5 6AD

Opening Times:
Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm
Tel: 02920 591000
www.wenvoegarden.co.uk

GREENHOUSE GLASS NOW IN STOCK

Come and see – our fantastic range of **Log Cabins, Gazebos and Hot Tub Houses**

Now is the time to **organise your winter storage** for garden furniture, barbeques & tools

We can deliver these Log Cabins anywhere in the country.

Prices from £975 inc VAT and delivery (excluding felt or shingles)

Also available: Sheds - Summerhouses - Greenhouses
Playhouses - Potting Sheds - Arches and Arbours
Dutch Barns - Garages - Paving - Stepping Stones
Edgings - Fencing - Trellis - PLUS LOTS MORE!!!

We look forward to seeing you!

DOWNLOAD OUR CABIN BROCHURE at
www.wenvoegarden.co.uk

APEX SHEDS
6′ x 4′ - £295
7′ x 5′ - £319
8′ x 6′ - £375
Prices include VAT and local delivery.
While stocks last

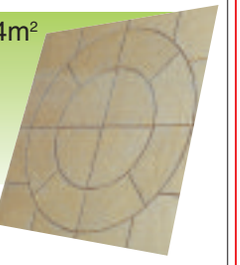
Installation only £65 (locally, on your prepared base)

Need a base? Want your old shed taken away?

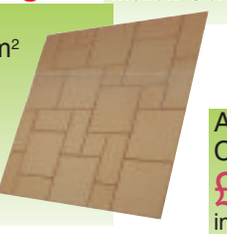
We are happy to quote for the work!

We have a great range of Paving and Patio Kits available e.g.

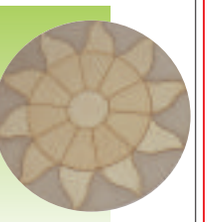
Chalice Circle 3.24m²
£99.99 inc VAT
Colours: Honey Brown Mellow Gold



Chalice Paving 5.76m²
£99.99 inc VAT
Colours: Honey Brown Mellow Gold



Aurora Circle 1.8m
£139.99 inc VAT
Colours: Antique Grey/ Barley



Also: Gravels, Fencing, Trellis, Garden Arches, plus much more

OCEAN LOUNGE
PORTHKERRY
WE ARE NOW OPEN:
THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS
ALL DAY & EVENING ON SUNDAYS
Every Thursday
QUIZ NIGHT
Burger and a Pint £5.95
DARTS TOURNAMENT
Every Sunday Night
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
plus Bingo
Saturday 24th August
DAVID LONGDEN
Knockout Vocal Entertainer
Sunday 25th August
THE LOUNGERS BAND
CHARITY NIGHT
Saturday 31st August
SEASA KAY
Superb Female Vocalist
Traditional
SUNDAY ROAST
Only £7.95
CAR BOOT SALE
EVERY SUNDAY from 2pm
To find us - click directions@
www.firejoust.com
Tel. 01446 710362/711538

Did you know you can find The GEM on Twitter? Follow us @gem_news

Out and About with The GEM

Girls' night out with Jo Carnegie at book festival

ONE of the aims of the Cowbridge Book Festival is to provide a varied programme of events and, with this in mind, the festival's autumn series will get off to a flying start with the return of popular Jo Carnegie.

Over the last two years Jo, who was deputy editor of *Heat* Magazine and has been described as the new Jilly Cooper, has established, quite a following in the town.

She's funny, sexy and quite irreverent and at last year's event, she let it slip that most of the character research for her new book *Party Games* had been done in and around Cowbridge!

Apparently, Jo spent a lot of time as an onlooker at the Food and Drink Festival and also enjoyed an afternoon at the Ystradowen Point to Point, so who knows, you might feature in this book or even recognise the neighbours!

One thing is certain, the characters in Jo's fictitious town of Beeversham will be hell bent on breaking all the rules and hilarious mayhem must follow!

A lively and 'naughty' night out is what's promised, so don't miss out!

A 'Girls Night Out with Jo Carnegie' will be held at the Quarter Penny Café, Cowbridge, on Thursday, September 12, from 6.30pm. Tickets are £20 and include a glass of wine, buffet supper and a signed copy of Jo's book.

All proceeds will be donated to The Noah's Ark Appeal Children's Hospital of Wales and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

For further information, including more detail on this book, visit the Festival website *www.cowbridgebookfestival.co.uk*

Tickets are available from David Barnes (Dry Cleaners) 35 High Street, Cowbridge; Nicklebys Pound Field, Llantwit Major; or online from TicketlineUK 02920 230130. **SRC**

A unique engine gets up steam for Wartime Weekend

A UNIQUE Edwardian Steam Railmotor will help to take the Barry Tourist Railway back to the glorious days of steam for this year's Barry Wartime Weekend (August 31 to September 1).

John Buxton, director of the Barry Tourist Railway Railway explains: "Built by the Great Western Railway in 1908, the steam-motor was unusual in that it was a very long carriage with a steam locomotive built within the coach body.

"This was innovative for the time, and this historically significant train is the fore-runner of all modern trains.

"The Railmotor improved operating flexibility and allowed more train services to be run compared to having a separate locomotive. This unique train survived because when the steam power bogie became life expired in 1935, the Great Western Railway converted the Railmotor into a coach.

"Fastidiously re-built, this amazing vehicle was restored in 2011 with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund. Original-type seats were found in Australia for the vehicle, and these make travelling on the train just like stepping back 80 years.

"It is the only Steam Railmotor in the country and will give passengers a true insight into travel on the south Wales network many decades ago."

The Barry Tourist Railway will again be evacuating school children to the safety of Barry Island, in a re-enactment of the wartime evacuations.

Event organiser Ade Pitman explained: "At the beginning of the Second World War Britain expected immediate air raids on the cities by Nazi bombers. Families were encouraged to evacuate their children to the safety of the countryside; and many children left English cities for rural Wales.

"Some children saw this as a holiday, but for others it was a traumatic experience.

"When the air raids didn't appear many children returned home, only to find themselves back in cities that were soon under assault by nightly air raids. My own mother and her family evacuated to Devon during the Cardiff Blitz."

Barry at War Group would like to hear from primary schools wishing to participate in the special evacuation train event. Headteachers should email Ade Pitman at littledevon@ntlworld.com for more details.

NANTGARW CHINAWORKS MUSEUM
ANTIQUES FAIR
Monday 26th August
10.00am - 5.00pm
at
Nantgarw House
Nr Taffs Well
(A470 Treforest turnoff)
All proceeds to Nantgarw Chinaworks Trust
Entrance Fee £1.50
Refreshments Available
Charity No. 1121606

Penarth Book Festival line-up

TWO award-winning writers, Jasper Fforde and Belinda Bauer, are in the line-up for the 2013 Penarth Book Festival, in the town from October 16-21.

Belinda Bauer

Jasper Fforde

Fforde, author of the *Thursday Next, Nursery Crime, Shades of Grey* and *The Last Dragonslayer* series of books, will be talking about his writing and taking part in a question and answer session.

Belinda Bauer, winner of the Crime Writers Association 2010 Gold Dagger Award, will talk about her new novel *Rubbernecker* and about writing contemporary crime fiction.

Joe Dunthorne will be giving a pre-film introduction and reading at an exclusive screening of the film of his novel *Submarine* at the newly-refurbished Penarth Pavilion.

Former British and Irish Lion John Dawes, Radio 2's resident allotment expert Terry Walton, and Paul Moorcraft (political journalist), will also be in attendance.

There will be a children's day on Saturday, October 19, with visits from the Gruffalo and Poppy Cat and a dramatic song recital, adapted from Tennyson's classic poem *Maud*.

Award-winning performer, baritone Richard Parry, will re-create the rollercoaster dramatic classic.

Race for Bobath!

THERE are still boats available for Bobath's annual Dragon Boat Race on Sunday, September 15, at Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff Bay.

The charity is appealing for teams of 11 "passionate paddlers", minimum age 12 years, to compete in this colourful team event.

"Not only will it be an exciting day for all involved, sponsorship raised from the event will make a real difference to children in Wales who have cerebral palsy," said Claire Brown, Bobath's events co-ordinator.

Contact the fundraising team on 029 20522600, or email fundraising@bobathwales.org.

Back under old management
The Dolphin Bar
BARRY ISLAND
Now Open Every Day and Evening
Quiz Night with drinks promotions
Every Thursday at 9pm
£1 per person
Drinks Offers from 7pm til late
Carling £2.50 pint • Any spirit & mixer only £3
FREEBIE FRIDAYS
Free Live Music: Bank Holiday Friday 23rd August 9pm
Matt Sage and Jon Lilygreen
Acoustic Guitar Duo – "A MUST SEE"
Friday 6th September 9pm
STONEHOUSE
The Brilliant Classic Rockband
Friday 27th September 11am-1pm
Macmillan Coffee Morning
Singing and dancing to HANK HILLMAN
It's Back . . . ! Our famous . . .
SUNDAY CARVERY
served 12 noon - 4pm
2 Courses - Soup and help yourself Carvery
Adults £7.50; Children £4.50
SKY SPORTS:
Showing all major sporting events
We are now taking bookings for Christmas Parties
Please call us on
01446 721888
Bookings being taken for Birthday Parties and Special Events

MAESTEG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Kittens, young and older cats – All needing a new family!
All cats have been neutered & microchipped
All our work is funded by Charity Shops.
We sell bric-a-brac, books, clothes and small items of furniture.
Donations always welcome and now you can text
maws 11 to 70070
Tel: 01656 721496 or 01656 769855
www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk
Thanking everyone for their continued support

THE SIX BELLS
Penmark
Village Pub & Restaurant

Summer Beer & Cider Festival
Monday 26th August 2013 1PM
Fun for all the Family
Live Band 'The Word', BBQ, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, stalls & Disco all from 1pm
Live Band 'The Strip Lights' from 7pm, BBQ and a great range of ciders & beers
Pub Quiz
Monday 2nd Sept 2013
£2 per person, Free Curry & Chips, Cash Prizes. Starts 8pm
Band Night
Friday 30th August 2013
The Silver Surfers Duo are in the main bar for your pleasure.... Free Entry
Christmas & NYE 2013
Keep a look out for our special offers
Details of our Party nights, Christmas Day & New Years Eve will be available soon
Perfectly located in the Village of Penmark, only 2 minutes drive from Cardiff Airport, Sat Nav: CF62 3BP
To Book - Call Us: 01446 710229

Helping children focus on a brighter future

POOR eyesight can have a significant effect on children's ability to learn and on their behaviour – yet often goes unrecognised by teachers, parents and by children themselves. Over a million children will return to school with poor vision!

A free sight test may give every child the ability to see clearly, learn effectively and fulfill their career aspirations.

Up to one million children in the UK currently have an undetected vision problem. *(Statistics provided by the Eyecare Trust and based on DCSF 2009 School Census 0-12 year olds).* Research shows that around 20 per cent of school-aged children have an undiagnosed vision problem – that's one in five children. *(Professor David Thomson, City University, London).*

Over 90 per cent of children visit a dentist regularly, while only 53 per cent of children have ever had an eye examination. *(Johnson & Johnson, Vision Care Survey 2009).*

A total of 84 per cent of parents agree that improved vision would have a positive impact on their child's performance at school. *(Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Survey 2009).*

At Jones & Jones, a proper sight test is free for all children under the age of 16. Why not book an appointment for your children today on 01446 400015, or visit us online at www.jonesandjones.org.uk.

Sports, play and a free family fun day

THE Vale Council's sports and play development team recently hosted a free family fun day, featuring a packed schedule of play activities and sports to mark the start of the summer play programme.

More than 300 adults and children enjoyed play activities and sports at King Square and Central Park, Barry. The event was also part of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Legacy programme, celebrating a year since the opening of the games in London.

From athletics events, including hurdles and standing long jump – to basketball, football, rugby, tennis and golf sessions, as well as play activities such as arts and craft, den building and sand and earth play – there was something for everyone to enjoy.

A drum workshop also brought a musical element to the day with a selection of different drums available for the children to experiment with.

The sports activities were arranged by the Vale Council's sports and play team, as well as members from local sports clubs and also coaches from national governing bodies of sports such as the Welsh Rugby Union and Badminton Wales.

The aim was to encourage youngsters to try various activities. Children collected a sticker for each activity they tried.

Once five stickers had been collected, they were able to exchange their sticker collection for a prize, certificate or medal.

TL Computer Systems (Wales) Ltd
Est. 17 years
SALES, REPAIR, SERVICE & SUPPORT FOR ALL PCS AND LAPTOPS
Service contracts available, internet cafe, home & business call outs.
ALL YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS
Laptops from £340 inc VAT
PCs from £320 inc VAT
Apple iPods, Laptops, Computers and Android Tablets
40 Holton Road, Barry
Tel: (01446) 747702
Fax: (01446) 744699
www.tlsystems.co.uk – shop online
email: mail@tlsystems.co.uk

JPL Sound – *music to your ears!*

FOR all budding musicians about to start learning a musical instrument in the new school year, the Barry Music Shop is the 'One-Stop Shop' for all your musical requirements.

It stocks a full range of instruments, with expert staff to assist in advising on the correct-sized instrument for your child – plus all of the options and accessories that are available to go with it.

Unlike on-line retailers, The Barry Music Shop actually carries a wide variety of instruments in stock – so you can come in, try it and if you like it – take it away with you there and then!

It is vitally important that you purchase the correct-sized instrument for your child – otherwise it could be a very expensive mistake. Last year, in The Barry Music Shop, we had so many customers coming in who had purchased an instrument online and found it was either faulty, had parts missing or was the wrong size.

Save yourself all the guess-work and rely on expert knowledge, as well as very competitive prices.

The Barry Music Shop in Holton Road has regularly been found to be cheaper than a lot of online stores and catalogue stores!

As well as stocking a full range of instruments – such as guitars, drums, flute, clarinet, saxophone, fife, and harmonicas, we also stock a huge range of accessories for all instruments, such as strings, reeds, straps, music cases and bags, music stands, drum sticks, cables, and lots more!

We also stock the largest selection of music books in the Vale – in particular all types of school music books, tutors and examination books.

If in a hurry for a book that we do not have, you can always log onto *www.thebarrymusicshop.com* and order your books via our website – direct to your door!

Please note that all books stocked by us are sold at their true cover price – no extra costs added on.

The Barry Music Shop also has a specialist guitar repair department – for all types of work that need to be done.

Whether you need restringing, tuning, complete set-ups, intonation, electronics, body work or hardware repairs – we do it all, from a single string replacement to extensive overhauls and repairs – again at very competitive prices.

Our door is always open for free advice and help – just call in and ask, all ages and abilities catered for with any type of instrument.

We look forward to seeing you in store!

JPL SOUND THE BARRY MUSIC SHOP
Back to School Instruments
We do NOT sell toys! - we do NOT sell cardboard boxes!
We DO sell quality instruments! We DO carry good stocks!
We DO offer help & Advice! - we DO offer excellent prices!
Starter Classical Guitar Packs in ½ - ¾ and Full sizes
Basic ¾ Classical Guitar - £35, Quality ¾ Classical Guitar & Bag - £69
Violins in all sizes, Flute, Fife, Clarinet, Saxophone, Recorders
Full range of Keyboards and Digital Pianos - all in stock by CASIO
Full range of Guitar Strings - Clarinet & Saxophone Reeds
Guitar Straps, Plectrums, Capos, Tuners, Metronomes
Music Stands, Guitar Padded Carry Bags & lots more!
Music Books and School Music Examination Books all checked
We actually carry stock, open it & check it - unlike on-line sales!
Expert In Shop Guitar Repair Service by our own Guitar Tech
Expert Knowledge & Help from our friendly staff
267 Holton Road, Barry
(Weston Hill / Bassett End of Holton Rd) Tel: 01446 722711

MJM – We do more than fill a pencil case!

GONE are the days when preparing to return to school meant replenishing your pencil case, a fresh bottle of ink and maybe a new satchel.

All of these are still available at MJM, but now that first day requires an altogether different bag. In stock are covers for the popular tablets and iPads, along with versatile back-packs for your laptops.

There is also a vast range of those vital inkjet cartridges to fit nearly all current printers.

School shoes at Ogamigam
quality brands
lots of styles
width fittings
professional fitting
why not join our Foot in the door Club for a 5% credit return
+ 10% off trainers when bought with a pair of school shoes, until Sept.7th
5 Royal Buildings, Penarth
just by the rail station - t.029 20704254
www.ogamigam.com

MJM
Computers & Consumables
Versus 9" Tablets
only £85.00 + VAT
Brother A3 Colour Laser Printer
only £115.00 + VAT
Brother, Canon, Epson & Samsung
Compatible Toners & Inks
Buy 2 Get 1 Free
Offer valid until 31st December 2013
95 High Street, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 7DY
Tel: 01446 733337 Fax: 01446 701001
www.mjmcom.co.uk - sales@mjmcom.co.uk

back to School

RUCKLEYS – *Specialists in official school uniforms*

RUCKLEYS, the uniform specialist in Barry, has moved!

Come visit the spacious new store at 45 Holton Road (next to Flame N Grill), Thompson Street end of Holton Road.

As well as stocking the usual school uniform basics, such as socks, trousers, skirts, pinafores, gym kits, cardigans, hair accessories and coats, they now stock a large proportion of local schools' official uniforms.

These schools include St Helen's, Sant Curig, Barry Island, Oakfield, Rhws, Barry Comprehensive and Barry sixth form.

They have a changing room and are open seven days a week; also offering an easy-plan uniform club to help save for the back-to-school period.

As usual, Start-rite shoes are proving popular, probably due to the fact that these are full leather, available in half sizes and with a width fitting, too. There is also a schoolwear guarantee.

Call on Monday to Saturday, from 9am – 5.30pm; and on Sunday from 11am-3pm.

Ruckleys
Early days to school days
We have moved
Visit us at
45 Holton Road,
BARRY
(next to Flame N Grill,
Thompson St end of Holton Road)
Tel 01446 700006

High Quality Shoe Repairs
The more challenging the better
All types of Key Cutting
From the standard house key to high security
Full Computerised Engraving Service
Personalise that special gift or award. We have a large range of ZIPPO lighters
We also have a range of top quality leather wallets and purses
A full complement of dyes, polishes and protective dressing's in stock
Services By FRANGOULIS
Dancewear & Accessories
We have a full range of Tap, Ballroom, Ballet Shoes. Leotards, dance & stage related accessories
4 Thompson Street
Barry
Tel. 01446 739823
also
2 Windsor Arcade
Penarth
Tel. 02920 700233
frangoulis_engraving@yahoo.co.uk

Barry Mayor's cheques for two local charities

LAST year's Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, held a cheque presentation evening in the Mayor's Parlour on August 14.

During his term of office, Coun Sword raised £1,886.54, which was shared between his chosen charities, The Teenage Cancer Trust and Ty Hafan. Each charity was awarded £943.27.

The cheques were received by Debbie Jones on behalf of Teenage Cancer Trust (above left) and Rebecca Chick on behalf of Ty Hafan.

Evie's operation is a success!

'Daddy, my feet don't hurt like they used to!'

Dr Park, the 'miracle worker', with the Broad family – Nanny, Zara, Jason, Ellie, Sophie and little Evie.

EVIE BROAD, the little girl from Sully who has captured the hearts of the south Wales public, has had successful surgery on her legs at a hospital in Missouri, America.

Evie was diagnosed more than a year ago with a form of cerebral palsy called 'spastic diplegia'.

Zara told The GEM: "Evie's had surgery and all is going well. The results so far have been amazing!

"Just the little things make such a difference.

"Evie has always had cold feet. As soon as she woke from surgery her feet were boiling with the blood flowing through her veins.

"We had never felt that. It was a lovely feeling.

"Two days after surgery she said to Jason, 'Daddy my feet don't hurt like they used to'.

"At that point we knew we had made the right decision.

"Evie's getting stronger everyday. Her feet look straight and her walking pattern looks better.

"We are hoping she will no longer need her splints."

Zara explained that there was a lot of post-operative effort ahead for Evie and the family.

"We still have a lot of work to do with building up her strength but her future is looking brighter.

"I'd like to thank everyone involved making our dream become reality."

Since last October numerous events were held across the Vale and Bridgend to secure the funding necessary to enable Evie to have the operation.

• Funds are still required to pay for vital after care and if anyone would like to help in fundraising, email: ***hopeforevie3@hotmail.co.uk;*** *or go to the website:* ***www.hopeforevie.co.uk/.***

YFC VENUE CHANGED

GLAMORGAN Young Farmers Clubs would like to highlight that the venue has been changed for their reunion event on August 30. It will now be held at 7.30pm at The Three Saints Hotel, Llantrisant Business Park, and not at the Grove Golf Club as previously stated in last week's edition of The GEM.

ART GROUP'S QUIZ EVENING

CANOLFAN Porthceri Centre (CPC), the group aiming to establish a cultural centre in Barry, will be holding a quiz night on Thursday, August 29 at 8pm in the Park Hotel, Park Crescent.

Entry is £3 a head and the evening is suitable for families. At the recent AGM, the group decided to concentrate on running arts events in Barry and to continue to support the work of other groups such as Art4U and Mike Duggan. CPC also remains committed to offering some Welsh-language events.

The next date in the CPC diary is the return visit of Del Rey on Saturday, September 21 in the West End Club. Del Rey packed the club on her last visit to Barry during the Barry Arts Festival in 2012 and her return gig is eagerly anticipated.

Tickets are available from Mike Duggan on 07561 143114.

London Welsh

On Saturday, October 5, the London Welsh Male Voice Choir will raise the roof of the Memorial Theatre, where Canolfan Porthceri is pleased to be helping raise money for the local branch of the RNLI.

LMVC performs in the Albert Hall and other top venues throughout the UK, as well as touring overseas.

Their appearance in the closing ceremony of the Olympics was a particularly memorable occasion in the choir's history, and this is a rare opportunity to hear them in Barry.

Tickets are available from the Memorial Theatre on 01446 738622 or by going to ***www.memorialhalltheatre.co.uk.*** **DC**

Volunteers needed for 'garden blitz'

BARRY Community Garden & Allotment is calling for volunteers to join a 'garden blitz' day this Saturday from 9.30am-1pm.

"We want as many people as possible to come and volunteer to help clear up the garden by cutting grass, pruning, weeding and digging etc. There has been a lot of progress made already but we need a big 'push' to really get things going," said new manager Lisa Williams.

"We are encouraging people to bring their own tools on Saturday, including petrol lawnmowers and strimmers and in return we will be providing free refreshments and kids' activities, although all under-18s must be accompanied by an adult."

Kan-Du Kitchens
Accessories, custom designs and full kitchen installations, together 'We Kan-Du it'
KK
Call Today: 029 21 407 591
Choose your style, choose your colour and choose your finish
www.kandukitchens.com | info@kandukitchens.com
We stock and supply
• Kitchens
• Replacement Doors
• Appliances
• Accessories
Everything you need for your dream kitchen
The Kan-Du kitchens website is the perfect place to start to plan your new kitchen. You can browse styles, colours and finishes and get a feel for some of the accessoeries we can supply.
Scan this Q.R code with your smartphone to view the site now
WHY CHOOSE KAN-DU
We create bespoke designs with C.A.D. use 1st class materials and pride ourselves on the quality of our craftsmanship
25 Years
PRO
£
CRB Checked
CREATE A HOME TO BE PROUD OF

Ken's dream of the 'Dolphin Bar' lives on to third generation of the Rogers family

ABOVE: Ian and Jackie Rogers.

In September 1999, charismatic Vale entrepreneur, Ken Rogers, announced that an exciting new venture was to open on Barry Island – The Dolphin Pub.

Now, 14 years later, management of The Dolphin Bar is being passed from Ken's son Ian, and his wife Jackie, to the third generation of the Rogers family.

Ken's vision of a thriving pub-restaurant at the top end of the Pleasure Park with magnificent views in the direction of Whitmore Bay and across the Bristol Channel was achieved just before his untimely death in 2000.

Back in 1999, Ken told The GEM the touching reason he had chosen 'Dolphin' as the name of the pub.

"Dolphins have had an affinity with mankind ever since they have been on earth.

"I wanted to create a venue which reflected the sociable, yet peaceful nature of these animals."

Ian and Jackie Rogers have five daughters, all involved in the family's business interests – Kirsty (28), twins Christina and Sarah (26), Rebecca (21) and Danielle (21).

Kirsty and Christina will be taking on the responsibility for running The Dolphin Bar.

Naturally, Ken's life's work, and the legacy he left behind, are never far from Ian and Jackie's thoughts.

A Yorkshireman from Hull, he worked nationally as a market trader in the 1970s, and on the Island traded from Cosy Corner and the Pleasure Park. In 1981, he founded the multi-million pound Hyper Value chain.

Ian takes up the story: "The Hyper Value empire eventually had 34 stores. In 1995, my father also bought the Pleasure Park. Because of the leukaemia, he could not travel abroad and the store group became his baby.

"He put a lot into Barry and left his mark – also regenerating KRs and The Dolphin."

The location on which The Dolphin Bar now stands was once an arcade.

Jackie is also from the East Riding of Yorkshire.

"I was a friend of the family from Hull and came down in 1981, to work for the family business. It was just as the Hyper Value business was starting. That was when Ian and I met."

NEW ERA

The summer of 2013 has heralded a new era for The Dolphin Bar as Kirsty explained: "We will be maintaining the same high standards, but modernisng too. There are going to be live music nights, quiz nights produced by a professional company every Thursday with cash prizes, plus a return to the famous Sunday carvery.

"On September 6, we've got a performance from a brilliant, classic rock band Stonehouse.

"On Friday, September 13, we are going to have an accoustic night, giving local talent the opportunity to shine.

"We've already got a number of acts booked, but local bands are welcome to get in touch."

Jackie said: "We brought back the Sunday carvery two weeks ago, with fresh, local produce, and have been serving between 200 and 300 people each Sunday."

Ian emphasised: "People have already commented on our reasonable prices for the carvery and the drinks – we compare more than favourably to the well known pub chains.

"We've also installed Sky Sports in time for the new Premier League season."

FLASHBACK to September 1999: Ken Rogers at the opening of The Dolphin Pub.

The Dolphin Bar is a popular venue for wedding events (particularly if people have got married abroad, and want to share a celebration with friends in this country), for birthdays and for Christmas parties.

For more information on The Dolphin Bar and the events, including the accoustic night, call 01446 721888.

FURNITURE CLEARANCE EVENT

EXTENDED FINAL WEEK

£100,000 OF FURNITURE REDUCED

Sofas, Chairs, Dining Sets, Bedroom Furniture, Beds, Occasional Furniture and much more

UNMISSABLE OFFERS

NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED

EVERYTHING MUST GO - DON'T MISS IT!

Leekes Llantrisant
Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun,
RCT. CF72 9XU

Telephone **0845 050 8240**
Online at **leekes.co.uk**

Leekes
You're home

Penarth and District Ramblers

A little adventure in 'stunning' mid-Wales

RECENTLY, the group were treated to two very different but delightful walks, one mountainous the other coastal, and the weather stayed fine.

Barrie's walk began from Glasbury on the border between Breconshire and Radnorshire where the village is separated into two halves by the River Wye, and beginning from St Peter's Church, fields and meadows led to Tregoyd House once owned by Lord Hereford.

After a stiff climb through Allt Wood and morning refreshment, the slopes of Rhiw Wen followed, before the next steep climb up Rhiw Fan led to the trig point on Rhos Dirion where the air was cooler.

The visibility was superb with views stretching up towards the Cambrian Mountains.

A rather late lunch and a rest was enjoyed before they descended steeply to the common of Rhos Fawr where in 1943,, an RAF Proctor aircraft, which was on a wireless telegraphy exercise in the area, crashed, sadly killing both crew members.

Reaching Velindre, they crossed fields of wheat and barley to make their way back to their start after what had been a very enjoyable seven hour adventure in the stunning hills of mid Wales.

GWENT LEVELS

Viv and Val, and dogs Mutley and Dougie, took their group to the Gwent Levels, where much of the land has been reclaimed from the sea over the years and is drained by a series of ditches, reens and gouts all behind the shelter of a sea wall.

The misty rain soon cleared to warm sunshine. They enjoyed having an impromptu tour around St Mary Magdalene Church at Goldcliff courtesy of a church member.

Next, they crossed fields containing some of the many footbridges in the area, arriving in Whitson and passing St Mary's Church with its unusual shaped tower and admiring the medieval narrow strip field system behind the houses that are set back from the road.

They crossed more fields on their journey to the lovely old medieval village of Redwick where the village church has been dedicated to St Mary the Virgin and St Michael the Archangel, but has since reverted to its original name in 1576 – St Thomas the Apostle.

After lunch, it was straight down to the coast for the short tramp along the sea wall to Porton House, before turning back inland across fields populated with sheep to return by lane to their start point.

On August 24, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine mile moderate walk at Trelewis; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On August 25, meet at 9am in Cogan for a 10-mile mod/hard walk taking in the Goose and Cuckoo; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On August 26 (bank holiday) meet at 10am in Cogan for a 9-mile moderate walk taking in Garth Hill, Taff Trail and Castell Coch; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Pets thanksgiving

OWNERS are being invited to "bring your pets along" to a Pet Thanksgiving service at Llanfrynach church on Sunday, September 1 at 4pm.

The church is signposted off the A48, a quarter of a mile west of Cowbridge. Parking available.

• FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS •

SPECIAL 25% OFF

MPN Windows, your local Network VEKA member is recommended by Steve Davies

We will beat any written quote like for like!

SPECIAL OFFER

- BEVELLED FRONT DOORS £499
- WINDOW & DOOR REPAIR SERVICE AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK
- 6 (YALE LOCKING) WINDOWS FITTED FROM £1795
- (YALE LOCKING) DOORS FITTED FROM £475
- (YALE LOCKING) FRENCH DOORS FROM £795
- (YALE LOCKING) CONSERVATORIES FROM £3495
- (YALE LOCKING) COMPOSITE DOORS FITTED FROM £795

Voted Best Installer - Wales 2013 by Network Veka

Award Winning Family Owned Business since 1994!

- ✔ WINDOWS & DOORS
- ✔ FULL REPAIR SERVICE AVAILABLE
- ✔ FREE VERTICAL BLINDS
- ✔ WIDE RANGE OF STYLES & FINISHES
- ✔ 10 YEAR PEACE OF MIND GUARANTEE

VEKA

Yale

REPAIR SERVICE Available 24/7 Call 07976 640959

0% finance available

SPECIAL OFFER not to be missed

This stunning **Bevelled Front Door** fully fitted only £499

choose one of these perfect doors

NO DEPOSITS & FREE QUOTES

ASK ABOUT OUR TRADE WINDOWS, DOORS AND CONSERVATORIES

FREE ONLINE QUOTES
www.mpnwindows.com
or Text your quotes to: 07976 640959

Scan with your smartphone

Email: mpnwindows@aol.com

Opening Hours: 9am to 9pm 7 Days a Week

Free Conservatory Design Service Available

We supply & fit Fascias, Gutters & Downpipes

10 year — ALL NETWORK VEKA PRODUCTS COME WITH A 10-YEAR GUARANTEE

APPROVED MEMBER Network VEKA assure

Amazing Offer!
Claim your free vertical blinds with every full house of windows and doors or conservatory fitted!
Terms and conditions apply

WINDOWS M.P.N DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

FENSA

facebook

twitter

BRIDGEND 01656 349515 - CARDIFF 02920 508770
BARRY 01446 439212 | 07976 640959
www.mpnwindows.com

Showrooms at: 10a Ewenny Road, Bridgend. CF31 3HL
Unit 2 Leckwith Road, Cardiff. CF11 8AP

• FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS •

Readers' Letters

IMPORTANT! We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. LETTERS AND EMAILS MUST INCLUDE FULL ADDRESS AND A CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER. AN EMAIL ADDRESS ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT! We will (in certain circumstances) protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, DON JOHN, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7E OR email gemeditorial@tindlenews. co.uk

'EU jobs loss is scaremongering'

NOW we have an MEP telling us the benefits of staying in Europe (GEM Letters, recently), but I would like to take up one small point.

He gave us some good news, that he was able to negotiate an increase in funding for Wales, including £300m in regional funds. He is correct, but this money is for the next six years, and it is a cut in funding by £75m.

The EU Commission recommends how the money is spent, but he did not mention that.

We would be getting this money no matter which Welsh MEP was in Europe. We are a poor country and we have had European money since 2000.

This is the third tranche and we still need it. Does that mean in 13 years we have achieved nothing?

Carwyn Jones AM said he was "disappointed the overall EU budget fails to deliver the scale of investment needed to stimulate growth and jobs."

If he is disappointed, how does he think we feel? Also the 150,000 jobs in Wales put at risk if we leave the EU is just scaremongering, since we import more than we export to the EU (this is according to the National Institute of Economic and Social Research).

We do not have a strong voice in Europe, so don't be fooled by the spin. We are one third part of the UK, which is 3.57 per cent of the EU, making our strong voice 1.19 per cent.

Politicians have too much to lose if we leave, that is why they want to panic us into staying. We just want our country back.

Jeff Goodwin,
Llantwit Major.

'Bus service was a vital schools link'

It seems that, for some as yet unknown reason, the Vale Council sees fit to reduce assistance given to the people of Rhoose, despite the fact that the same council is allowing massive development of housing in the village.

The latest episode includes the 'combining of classes' at Rhoose primary school, and now the cutting of vital bus services.

My daughter, and many children in Rhoose, were regular users of the V5 service which runs from Barry, through Rhoose and many rural isolated villages to Cowbridge.

This was a vital link for isolated communities, and in particular allowed Rhoose children to attend Cowbridge Comprehensive school.

However, the service has been cut with no sign of any replacement.

When the council was asked why, it responded that the company who ran the service has pulled out of the contract.

However, they fail to mention that the reason for this is the reduction by 25 per cent of the subsidy given to the operator by the council.

Although children of Rhoose attend Cowbridge Comprehensive School by parental choice, it must be remembered that when the parents made the decision to send their children to Cowbridge, the existence of a bus route would have been part of the decision-making process.

The Vale Council has abandoned these children, and is also happy for many people who live in rural outlying villages to become isolated.

The council will no doubt state that its scheme 'Greenlinks' will address the needs of these villages, but I know from personal experience that Greenlinks is already struggling to cope with demand.

Children from Rhoose who attend the Cowbridge school will now have to be driven by parents, or sign up with a private company at a cost almost treble the previous service and payable three months in advance.

The council's response to this is to do absolutely nothing – no help and no assistance in any way.

So, once again the residents of Rhoose are targeted by the council....maybe it has something to do with the apparent lack of a voice that the village has.

Mr Gary Bohun,
Rhoose

Proposals 'threat to town's green spaces'

THERE are two applications currently with the planning department of the Vale Council that residents of Barry need to be aware of and concerned with.

The first is a planning application by Taylor Wimpey to build 200 homes on Green Farm, which is on the Cwm Ciddy side of Weycock Cross.

Anyone who travels along Port Road, whether you are coming from Barry or the western Vale, knows the congestion that already exists at peak times and the chaos additional houses would bring.

I would also ask residents to think of the green land that would be lost forever once houses are built on this land – and where does it end?

I accept that Barry has to have its share of new houses, as it is the largest town in the Vale of Glamorgan, but we need to be concentrating on brown field sites or small developments within the urban town that would not intrude on the few green fields we have left.

Think of the environmental impact building on these fields would have on the wildlife and plants which currently live on this land – which, incidentally, is currently used for agricultural purposes and this is how the land is categorised.

In addition, the land at Green Farm lies outside the settlement boundary of Barry and in 1990 a planning application was rejected as "the proposal represents an intrusion into the rural landscape thereby damaging the amenity of the countryside".

What has changed since 1990? Plenty! There are even more cars on the road and even less green space for future generations to enjoy and the need to protect our rural landscape is even more apparent.

Objections to this application must be made by August 27, 2013 and you should quote planning reference 2013/000701/OUT. You can send your feedback via the Vale of Glamorgan Website or in writing to the Docks Offices.

The second application is what is known as a Scoping Opinion and this is on Walters Farm at Weycock Cross (the Hawking Centre side).

Although this is not a planning application yet, it is the intention of Persimmon Homes to apply to build 500 homes on this land, yes 500!

All the arguments stated above for Green Farm ring true for this proposal too, but we are suddenly talking about the potential of having a total of 700 new homes at Weycock Cross.

The land at Walters Farm is also outside the settlement boundary of Barry and is designated as a site of special scientific interest, but also backs on to protected woodland.

A Scoping exercise is used to identify the key issues of concern at an early stage in the planning process and this will shortly be followed by a planning application.

Details of the application can be viewed on the Vale Council's Website under reference 2013/00565/SC2.

Please feed back your thoughts to the Vale Council on the scoping exercise but I urge residents to look out for the planning application and be ready to voice their objections to this application, too.

Coun Claire Curtis
(Dyfan Ward, Barry)

'I've seen the flaws in EU investment'

IN response to the letter from MEP Derek Vaughan in last week's GEM, I would point out the latest Treasury figures show the UK is currently a net payer to the EU of £12.5 billion annually, expected to rise to £20 billion!

If that money was shared among the regions, could it not be a fact that the universities, rural funds etc would actually be better funded?

Whilst working as a private sector facilitator, the companies mentioned by Mr Vaughan, said the reasons for locating in Wales were historical, the high quality of the workforce, geographical, and the assistance of the Welsh Office.

In these days of global migration of industrial industries, the major factor is labour cost and quality of labour.

The EU only represented part of their market. Therefore the EU is of minor consideration.

Whilst working with European Funding, the biggest problem was the inbuilt distrust of SMEs trying to access European grants by the secretariats at all levels and the bureaucratic inability to respond in a realistic time frame.

In three years, there is no record of a small SME being granted European Grant anywhere in Wales.

At the request of the then European Commissioner of Wales, I stepped in to help with an inward investment project that was going to create 70-plus jobs.

Two years later the application was still being ping ponged around the various European secretariats, and that was the 'fast track'!

Eventually, using other contacts and other sources of financial assistance through the Welsh Assembly, the company is setting up in Blaenau Gwent.

Well done in securing £300 million, but why so little? How much is targeted at the private sector SMEs?

That is the sector that creates the real jobs.

John Owen,
Cowbridge

'X91 BUS AND THE REDUCED SERVICE'

FOLLOWING the announcement made by Cardiff Bus that the X91 would no longer be serving East Aberthaw, Rhoose and Porthkerry, I contacted the Vale Council to seek clarification and to see if there was anything the council could do.

It would appear that the Cardiff Bus decision has been made as a result of the introduction of the 20-minute subsidised service between Cardiff and Cardiff Airport. The passengers that the X91 used to pick up at the airport (or at Cardiff for travel to the airport) will no longer be as many as previously, with the result they have made a commercial decision to by-pass Rhoose altogether.

In my opinion, the express shuttle running every 20 minutes, 24-hours a day, and all year long, is unsustainable, and is not based on the pattern of air traffic at the airport.

We all know that it is busier in the summer than the winter and there would appear to be no need for this round-the-clock express service; therefore, unless the express service is reduced, the X91 will not come through East Aberthaw, Rhoose and Porthkerry.

I have asked the council to consider what action can be taken and if they can identify the numbers of passengers (with the airport and without the airport pick-up) to see if the numbers justify the continuation of the service.

Of course, the decision rests ultimately with Cardiff Bus, but I am hopeful that common sense may prevail.

Coun Jeff James,
Rhoose.

• *Email your letters to* ***The Editor, Don John****, at: gemeditorial @tindlenews.co.uk including your* ***FULL NAME, ADDRESS and TELEPHONE NUMBER.***

EXTRA TAX ON PENSIONERS

I WONDER how many of your pensioner readers aged 75 and over, have realised the implication of the extra tax they will be paying on other taxable income they may have, in addition to the state pension, as a result of the announcement in the April budget, to freeze their personal allowance at £10,660?

The purpose of the freeze is for the annual increase in the state pension to reduce the tax-free allowance they may have at present to ZERO; thereby increasing the tax they pay on their other taxable income.

Depending on their personal income, this could result in extra tax running into hundreds of pounds over the period of the freeze.

I consider the freeze and its implication to be morally unjustified, to ask pensioners to pay extra tax whilst millionaires enjoy a tax reduction.

I would urge any pensioner who thinks they may be affected by the freeze to contact their MP and express their concern.

LM Scoble,
St Athan

'Beware these scam callers'

LAST week's GEM carried a piece concerning a new scam relating to purported mis-sold PPI payments.

The GEM actually arrived through my letterbox not half-an-hour after I had replaced the 'phone following such a call, so I was pleased to see that this warning was being publicised locally.

In my case, the caller (who had a foreign accent) identified himself as '*Sam*', representing a company called 'Customer Surveys'.

He alleged that I had recently completed one of their surveys (I hadn't!) using the internet (to which I have no access). He insisted that if I hadn't done this, somebody else in my family must have done it in my name... *Did you ever!*

I brought the conversation to a close and I assume he then proceeded to call somebody else. I do hope this wasn't another GEM reader!

I find it disturbing that these people have all one's personal details – name, address and 'phone number, even when (as mine is) that number is ex-directory.

I do urge everyone to take heed of the warning put out by The GEM and, of course, the police.

This was not a very pleasant experience.

(Name and address supplied).

'Tar and chippings cost-effective'

I REFER to the letter from Kevin Watts in last week's newspaper headlined '*Why tar and chip roads?*'

The tar and chippings which Mr Watts makes reference to is a surface dressing treatment which is applied to the road surface to help extend the life of the road.

It is not a substitute for road resurfacing, but an important form of highway maintenance to help preserve the road surface.

It is a very cost effective form of treatment, which is used successfully throughout the rest of the UK and Europe.

As well as extending the life of the road, other advantages of surface dressing (tar and chippings) include restoring skid resistance, which leads to improved safety for motorists, and helping to seal the road creating a protective barrier between rain and frost which protects against potholes.

Readers can find out more about the process of surface dressing and its advantages by visiting our website *www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/surfacedressing.*

Regarding Cardiff Road: during the recent heatwave there was an issue with melting tar and loss of surface texture on this stretch of the road – we recorded a road temperature of over 57 degrees during this period which is extremely unusual.

As a result, this year we have adjusted the grade of bitumen which we use in our surface dressing treatment so that in future the road surface will be able to withstand high temperatures such as this.

The difficulty with getting the bitumen mix right for UK roads is that it not only needs to withstand extreme heat, as this summer demonstrated, but also extreme cold, including snow and ice during the winter.

Our programme of surface treatment works has recently finished; however, Mr Watts will be pleased to hear that we are currently undertaking a schedule of resurfacing works on roads in the Vale.

These works are taking place every week (weather permitting) and we publish full details of the roads undergoing resurfacing works on our website at *www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/currentworks.*

Ken Evans,
(Acting Routine Maintenance Manager (Highways)
Vale of Glamorgan Council).

SCARLETS SQUAD GET A WORK-OUT (IN MILITARY-STYLE) AT ST ATHAN!

LLANELLI Scarlets rugby team were put through their paces at the RAF's No 4 School of Technical Training (4SoTT), St Athan recently.

The RAF Careers Liaison and Outreach team, led by Sgt Simon Jones, put 46 members of the squad, including a full back-room staff and the entire playing contingent, through three gruelling days of military-style pre-season training.

British and Irish Lion Jonathan Davies joined colleagues, plus internationals Rhys Priestland, Scott Williams, Josh Turnbull and Ken Owens, and focused on leadership skills.

"Making the right decisions under pressure and the ability to react and communicate are essential in a military context," acting Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader Simon Middleditch said.

"The Scarlets did remarkably well considering the early starts and long training schedule that was put before them.

"Mental agility and physical robustness are essential in the Service and I believe it was an eye opener for the team to see the high levels of fitness to which the RAF work on a day-to-day basis."

The RAF Outreach team had devised activities that took the players away from the conventional training field and tested them with a series of unique situations and exercises.

These included early morning runs, low ropes training, assault course training, parachute drills, planning exercises, leadership and team building.

Scarlets head coach Simon Easterby, who lives in Cowbridge, said: "It's been excellent throughout. The players got a bit of a shock on the first morning with a 5.15am wake-up call and straight into some very physical activities before breakfast that set the tone for the training camp.

"They performed very well from the outset and really bought into the whole experience individually and collectively.

"It's been really beneficial to see how the players react to different situations they are not expecting.

"The players have worked very hard throughout and been really committed; I have been really impressed how all of them have taken to the challenges put in front of them and it will be interesting to see how much they take out of their time here as we approach the new season.

"We've tested problem solving, leadership, decision making under fatigue, reaction under pressure and how players process information and communicate with each other to complete varied tasks."

Squadron Leader Middleditch added: "The type of training the team has received during their stay will have taught them a lot individually, how they work within their particular team, and how to get the best out of themselves and others.

"The camp was much more than testing the players' physical fitness, it was about pushing them past their personal comfort zones mentally and making the most of this experience."

The Scarlets took part in a quiz night before presenting Squadron Leader Middleditch with a farewell gift for 4SoTT in the form of a signed shirt, framed and ready to hang in the sports bar.

The first game of the season sees the Scarlets welcome PRO12 champions Leinster on September 6 with three Saturday evening games against Benetton Treviso, Glasgow and Ulster before Christmas, and the traditional Ospreys Boxing Day derby returning to Parc y Scarlets this year.

LEFT: Simon Easterby presents Squadron Leader Middleditch with a signed Scarlets shirt.

THREE-MILE STRETCHER RUN.

ON THE ASSAULT COURSE.

'Thank you to the unknown Samaritan...'

ON Wednesday, July 31, my elderly mother (Mrs Phyllis Thomas) decided to take herself out for a walk.

Despite being 92 years of age, she thought she felt well enough and would manage, as her walking aid had a seat attached for her to rest when needed.

However, just around the first corner – leading into Meadow Croft, Rhoose, she suddenly suffered an angina attack.

This, of course, frightened my mother as she realised she could not summon help, nor return to her bungalow unaided.

She sat down and hoped someone would see her... thankfully, a very kind gentleman driving home along the same route saw my mother, got out of his car, went for her neighbour and between them took her home.

aramedics were called and an ambulance took her into Llandough hospital. I am pleased to say that my mother made a full recovery and returned home later that same evening.

As my mother has no way of finding out who this good Samaritan was (all she remembers is that he was driving a white car), she has asked me to use The Gem as a way of thanking him – for without this help there would have been, without doubt, more serious consequences.

In this day and age, we read plenty about the horrors that some people find themselves in and so as a means to 'balance the books'– I think it worth highlighting the selfless act of kindness that these individuals showed my mother when she was so very vulnerable.

Thank you... whoever you are – you know who you are – so be assured of our grateful thanks.

Lynette Jones
Rhoose

LADIES' NIGHT FOR HEART CHARITY

LADIES can enjoy a three-course lunch, a sparkling drinks reception and entertainment by Ceri Dupree on September 20 at Penarth Yacht Club in aid of thre Welsh Hearts charity. Contact 07730944700, or email fundraising@welsh-hearts.org for more information.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL • CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00665/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed orangery style extension and rear utility extension
Location:/Lleoliad: 7, Beach Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00751/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Alterations and ground and first floor extensions to main house, erection of detached garage, alterations to boundary treatment, outbuilding forming barbecue enclosure and provision of terrace to front and rear
Location:/Lleoliad: Causeway House, Causeway Hill, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Llanblethian

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00752/CAC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Alterations and ground and first floor extensions to main house, erection of detached garage, alterations to boundary treatment, outbuilding forming barbecue enclosure and provision of terrace to front and rear
Location:/Lleoliad: Causeway House, Causeway Hill, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Llanblethian

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00657/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Internal alterations to Great Hall
Location:/Lleoliad: United World College of the Atlantic Ltd, St. Donats Castle, St. Donats
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade I

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00663/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing toilets and cold store (not Listed). Extension of existing pub. Re-build of existing outbuildings to provide residential accommodation and shop
Location:/Lleoliad: The Plough and Harrow, Monknash
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00732/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Rebuilding of damaged pier and repair of boundary wall
Location:/Lleoliad: Old White Hart Inn, Wine Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00733/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Repairs to four roofs at Fonmon Castle and associated alterations
Location:/Lleoliad: Fonmon Castle, Fonmon
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade I

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00705/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Two ground floor shops with two bed apartments on two floors above
Location:/Lleoliad: Rear of Nos. 16 and 18, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Nos. 16, 18, 20 and 22 High Street, Cowbridge, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00672/RG3
Proposal:/Cynnig: Removal of existing demountable classroom units and creation of new primary school building with associated playground, parking, landscaping and lighting.
Location:/Lleoliad: Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg, Colcot Road, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00699/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of an aircraft hangar providing a new helicopter search and rescue facility
Location:/Lleoliad: RAF St. Athan, St. Athan

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00701/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Residential development of up to 200 No. dwellings and associated works.
Location:/Lleoliad: Land south of Port Road West, Weycock Cross, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00724/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide circa 7MW generation capacity together with transformer stations; substation; internal access track; landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure.
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at West Hall Farm, Aberthaw, St. Athan

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00701/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Residential development of up to 200 No. dwellings and associated works.
Location:/Lleoliad: Land south of Port Road West, Weycock Cross, Barry

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 22 August, 2013

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager, Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

1 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AA

Sales: 01446 736888

Lettings: 01446 734668

www.homesonview.co.uk

www.ninaestateagents.co.uk

fish4homes Zoopla.co.uk rightmove

nina estate agents

website: www.ninaestateagents.co.uk

email: enquiries@ninaestateagents.co.uk

Find a Property.com propertyfinder.com OFT NAEA

NEW

PORT ROAD EAST BARRY
Bay fronted semi detached, extended via double extension, wc cloakroom, living/sitting room, dining room opening to kitchen, conservatory, 3 double bedrooms, private enclosed garden. ER-D
£239,950

NEW

COLCOT ROAD, BARRY
Spacious semi detached, 4 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, shower room/wc, utility room, 300ft garden, workshop & garage, modernised by present sellers, driveway side access.
£275,000

NEW

GREENACRES, BARRY
Extended modern detached, wc cloakroom, living room, modern fitted kitchen, dining room opening to sitting room, 4 bedrooms (master ensuite), enclosed private garden, garage.
£189,950

NEW

PARK AVENUE, BARRY
Mid terraced traditional, 3 bedrooms, through living room, spacious kitchen/breakfast, far reaching views over harbour, minutes walk to beaches/train station, tiered rear garden accessible via steps .
£182,500

NEW

WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY
3 bedroomed traditional bay fronted, through living room, dining room, original quarry tiled flooring, extended modern fitted kitchen, larger than average garden, laid to lawn raised decked sun terrace.
£142,950

NEW

ADENFIELD WAY, RHOOSE
Detached bungalow, extended by present owner, 4 bedrooms, 2 ensuites, family bathroom, living room, kitchen/diner, larger than average garden, no chain.
£309,950

NEW

EVERARD STREET, BARRY
Mid terraced traditional, bay fronted, 3 bedrooms, attic/hobby area, living room/dining, fitted kitchen, utility, family bathroom, no chain, UPVC DG - GCH via combi.
£119,950

NEW

OXFORD STREET, BARRY
Mid terraced, bay fronted, spacious living, 3 reception rooms, extended kitchen, backing onto Porthkerry Park, 3 bedrooms, family bathrooms, no chain.
£164,950

NEW

SOLENT ROAD, BARRY
Extended semi detached, in need of updating, 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, enclosed garden, side access/driveway, cul de sac position. ER-D.
£119,950

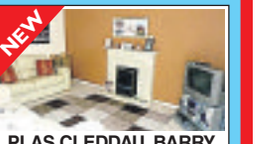
NEW

QUEEN STREET, BARRY
3 bedrooms,1st floor bathroom, mid terraced traditional, through living room, fitted kitchen, small rear garden, no chain.
£109,950

NEW SSTC

QUEEN STREET, BARRY
Mid terraced traditional, 2 reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, UPVC double glazing, GCH, ideal first time buy.
£114,000

NEW



PLAS CLEDDAU, BARRY
1st floor apartment, well presented, 15ft living room, family bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, balcony overlooking front, UPVC double glazing, ample parking, no chain.
£99,950

NEW

FFORD CWM CIDI, BARRY
Modern elevated detached, 4 bedroomed, 2 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast, ensuite & family bathroom, wc cloakroom, driveway/garage.
£244,950

NEW

WOODLANDS COURT, BARRY
Two bedroomed, first floor apartment. living room with views over park, in need of modernisingh, kitchen, family shower room, UPVC DG - GC heating, no chain, garage/parking
£84,950

NEW

MAIN STREET, BARRY
End of terraced, 3 bedroom, in need of updating, living room, kitchen, family bathroom, rear elevated garden surrounded by walls, no chain.
£84,950

NEW

EVERARD STREET, BARRY
In need of modernisation, mid terraced, traditional dwelling, through living room, fitted kitchen, utility room/wc cloakroom, two double bedrooms, spacious family bathroom.ER-F.
£89,999

NEW

SMEATON CLOSE, RHOOSE
Modern semi detached, showhome presented, living room, modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, 2 double bedrooms, longer than average driveway, enclosed level garden, maintenance free living.
£142,950

NEW

BROOK STREET, BARRY
Mid terraced, through living room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms, attic area via dropped down ladder, UPVC DG - GCH via combi, no chain.
£97,500

NEW

CLOS TYNIAD GLO, BARRY
Modern town house. Ground floor - hallway, double bedroom, shower room, utility room, living room. Second floor - 2 bedrooms, master with ensuite.
£172,000

NEW

MARINE DRIVE, BARRY
3 double bedroomed semi detached. Within minutes walk of The Knap & beaches. entrance hallway, wc cloakroom, sun lounge, living/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, GCH via combi boiler and UPVC double glazing throughout. Driveway leading to garage.
£249,950

NEW PRICE

MOUNTBATTEN ROAD, BARRY
Modern mid terraced, living/dining room, wc cloakroom, fitted kitchen, 2 designated parking spaces, enclosed rear garden, UPVC DG - GC heating via combi. ER-C.
£112,000

NEW PRICE

BARRY ROAD, BARRY
Renovated/refurbished, 2 bedroomed, 1st floor apartment, living room/fitted kitchen, family bathroom, no chain, ideal buy to let.
£74,950

NEW PRICE

WENVOE TERRACE, BARRY
3 bedroomed, mid terraced traditional, through living room, dining room, wc cloakroom, sea views from front, walking distance to train station
£142,950

NEW PRICE

NARBERTH COURT, BARRY
3 bedroomed, end of terrace, no chain, living room, kitchen/diner, UPVC double glazing throughout, enclosed rear garden, rear access. ER-D.
£71,000

NEW PRICE

DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY
In need of modernisation, situated on enviable plot, room to extend (subject to usual planning consent), 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, UPVC throughout, no chain. ER-F.
£119,950

NEW PRICE

CHESTERFIELD STREET, BARRY
End of terraced, 3 bedrooms, through living room, ground floor bathroom, UPVC DG - GC heating via 2013 combi, enclosed low maintenance garden, ideal first time buy.
£94,950

NEW PRICE

LEE ROAD, BARRY
Well presented throughout, mid terraced traditional, 2 bedroomed, through living/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, 1st floor bathroom, courtyard enclosed garden, UPVC DG - GCH via combi. ER-D.
£92,500

NEW PRICE

HOWARD COURT, BARRY
1st floor apartment, 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen/breakfast room, family bathroom with freestanding shower cubicle, garage/parking, shared enclosed garden to front & rear. ER-D.
£114,950

NEW PRICE

HIGH STREET, BARRY
3 storey, mid terraced traditional, through living room, fitted kitchen, 1st floor: 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom. 2nd floor: third double bedroom, gas central heating, UPVC double glazing. ER-E.
£114,950

WYE CLOSE, BARRY
2 bedrooms, semi detached bungalow, maintenance free, living room - bi-fold doors opening to rear, replacement kitchen, UPVC DG - GCH via combi, driveway/garage. ER-C.
£159,950

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY
Well presented, 3 bedrooms, modern semi detached, living room, kitchen/diner, driveway/garage, enclosed level garden. ER-D.
£119,950

KINGSLAND CRES, BARRY
Traditional semi detached, 5 bedrooms (master ensuite), 3 reception rooms, wc cloakroom, family shower room, off rd parking to front, original features. ER-D.
£169,950

SSTC

ROBINS LANE, BARRY
2 bedroom mid terrace, entrance hallway, 3 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, walled forcourt garden leading to a single garage, no chain.ER-D.
£99,950

SOMERSET RD EAST, BARRY
Placed on a corner position, semi detached, ample room to extend (subject to usual planning consent), 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, double garage/ample parking, no chain. ER-D.
£154,950

PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY
Stunning bay fronted, show home presented, living room, dining room, sitting room, wc shower room/utility, 3 bedrooms, enclosed rear level garden. ER-E.
£219,950

ST OSYTH COURT, BARRY
End of link bungalow, 2 bedrooms, far reaching sea views & Romilly Park, covered balcony, garden to side, designated parking. ER-D.
£148,500

DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY
Quaint semi detached (previously cottage), sympathetically renovated, kitchen with oak worktops, 2 bedrooms, master to ensuite, drive to front. ER-D.
£154,950

OLD VILLAGE RD, BARRY
Traditional detached, spacious living, 22ft kitchen/breakfast room, sea views from rear, enclosed rear garden, 4 bedrooms, well presented. ER-F.
£279,950

GLAN Y MOR, BARRY
Top floor (5th Flr) apartment, separate private balcony, 2 bedrooms (Master ensuite), far reaching views over water, lift, designated parking place, no chain. ER-C.
£124,950

GLAN Y DWR, BARRY
Well presented, 2 double bedrooms, master ensuite & spacious family bathroom, 15ft family bathroom, ground floor, designated parking. security entry & alarm system. ER-C.
£115,500

NEWS FROM RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS

Club tastes success at Aberavon Beach

FOLLOWING a successful weekend for the nippers at the Welsh Ocean Championships, it was the turn of the junior and senior teams to compete at the two day event, this time held at Aberavon beach.

The competition kicked off early on Saturday morning, August 3 with fine weather. The Sunday, however, was much more of a challenge with consistent rain and wild sea conditions throughout the day.

The teams, managed by junior co-ordinator Steve Baker and club captain Simon Parker would like to thank not only the Rhoose Lifeguards team for their efforts but also all of the helpers and parents who supported the teams over the weekend.

Particular thanks go to those who endured Sunday's wet weather to do marshalling and other duties.

In terms of performance, special mention goes to individual Welsh champions Jessica Wadey, Kelsea Peterson, Emily Baker and Ben Owen and well done to the members of the Masters (adults) team who competed.

Congratulations also to Masters competitor Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, who won gold medals in the Open individual races.

The Rhoose junior team finished the competition in third place and the senior team took second place overall.

Further congratulations go to Rhoose members Tanara (seniors), Jessica, Ellie, Sara, Kelsea, Will, Kathryn, Lauren, Kirby (all juniors) who have been selected for the Welsh team to compete in the Celtic Cup.

Medal winners in individual events are as follows:

Junior team: Jessica Wadey, silver surf swim; gold, beach flags; gold, beach sprint; bronze beach run.

Kathryn Gardner, silver, surf swim; silver, ski; silver, ocean lady.

Kelsea Peterson, bronze, surf swim; gold, ocean lady; gold, beach flags; gold, board.

Emily Baker, gold, ski; Lauren Blake, bronze, ski; bronze, board.

Sara Phillips, silver, ski.

William Parker; bronze, ski.

Emily Baker, gold, ski; bronze, ocean lady.

Ellie Peterson, silver, beach flags; bronze, beach sprint; bronze, board.

Alexander Parry; bronze, beach flags.

Ben Owen, gold, beach sprint; silver, beach run.

Senior team: Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, gold, ski; gold, board.

Riah Spickett, bronze, beach flags; silver, beach sprint; silver, beach run.

Rhys Perry, bronze, beach flags; silver, beach run.

More medals were won in the pairs and team events.

Junior team: Jessica Wadey, Ellie Peterson, Emily Baker, Georgia Wall, Ruby Redrup, Rhys Gardner, Kathryn Gardner, Lauren Blake, Kirby Redrup, Kelsea Peterson, Sara Phillips, Tayla Edgerton, Laura Braggins, Ben Owen, William Parker, Alexander Parry, Finn Rees, Dyfan Goode, Emily Baker, Maisie James, Katie Levett.

Senior team: Rhys Perry, Simon Perry, Charles Grandfield, James, Grandfield, Riah Spickett, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Alan Wadey, Steve Baker, Simon Parker. **JF**

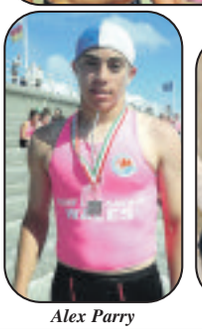
Georgia Wall and Emily Baker.

Laura Braggins and Tayla Edgerton

Karen O'Donoghue-Harris

Members of the girls' team

The senior mens' team



Alex Parry

Peter Lake with Kelsea Peterson

WE'RE OPEN. COME AND TAKE A LOOK.

The Hedgerows
Whitewell Road, Barry, CF62 9TW
Marketing Suite open daily from 10.30am - 5.30pm
3 and 4 bedroom homes.
Prices from £164,995

OUR MARKETING SUITE IS OPENING 24TH & 25TH AUGUST
Our exciting new development in Barry is now open. We have a range homes to suit everyone's requirements. Come along and find out more.

CALL US 08434 871472†
FOR EXCLUSIVE OFFERS VISIT PERSIMMONHOMES.COM

PERSIMMON
Together, we make a home

Imagery is for illustration purposes only. If shown, any external elevations including treatments, materials, window positions and sizes are subject to change at any time. †Calls will be charged at five pence per minute from a BT landline and may cost considerably more from mobile and other phones. Contact your service provider for more details. Details correct at time of going to press.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 28 August 2013

homes4u HOTLINE 01446 709840

To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at **HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** or apply in writing to:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Visible Services and Housing
Civic Offices Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU
or
Newydd Housing Association
121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

BERRY COURT, LLANTWIT MAJOR

H4U reference 1105799
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden

Rent £87.71 per week including service charges

CLOS PEIRIANT, BARRY

H4U Reference 1106009
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Walk-in shower
- Central heating
- Double-glazing

Rent £79.08 per week

COPPERFIELD COURT, BARRY

H4U reference 1032059
Suitable for a single person over 55 – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- First floor (no lift)
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Communal entrance
- Gardens and parking

Rent £77.89 per week including service charge

CRESSWELL COURT, BARRY

H4U Reference 206214
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £97.63 per week including water charge

DUNLIN COURT, BARRY

H4U reference 1106054
Suit for a small family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Two-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Parking

Rent £77.09 per week including service charge

FFORDD ELIN, BARRY

H4U reference 995475
Suit for a small family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Parking

Rent £89.48 per week including service charge

GWYN JAMES COURT, PENARTH

H4U Reference 988824
Suitable for a single person over 55–no pets
- Studio apartment
- First floor (no lift)
- Double-glazing
- Gardens/parking
- Scheme co-ordinator

Rent £103.94 per week including heating, water and service charges

HENRY STREET, BARRY

H4U reference 211661
Suitable for a single person or couple over 55
- One-bedroom bungalow
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £96.08 pw including water and alarm charges

HILL STREET, BARRY

H4U Reference 211946
Suitable for a single person or couple over 55
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Community alarm

Rent £86.44 per week including water charges

HINCHSLIFF AVENUE, BARRY

H4U Reference 212392
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £101.80 per week including water charge

LAUGHARNE COURT, BARRY

H4U Reference 214625
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £98.55 per week including water charge

LOWER PYKE STREET, BARRY

H4U reference 215318
Suitable for a single person or couple over 55
- One-bedroom bungalow
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm
- Gardens

Rent £98.31 pw including alarm and water charges

MAGELLAN CLOSE, BARRY

H4U reference 943135
Suit for a small family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Two-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Parking

Rent £82.51 per week including service charge

MERGANSER COURT, BARRY

H4U Reference 991417
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bed maisonette
- Gas central heating
- Double-glazing
- Garden and parking

Rent £92.23 per week including water charges

MEIRION CLOSE, BARRY

H4U Reference 215954
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Two-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing

Rent £80.09 per week including water charge

OAK COURT, PENARTH

H4U reference 1099598
Suitable for a single person over 60 (55 with medical needs)
- Ground-floor studio
- Economy 7 heating
- Double glazing
- Scheme Manager
- Community alarm

Rent £93.62 per week including service charge

OWAIN COURT, ST ATHAN

H4U Reference 249345
Suitable for a single person or couple over 55
- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Community alarm

Rent £89.45 pw including alarm and water charges

PLASSEY HOUSE, PENARTH

H4U Reference 241343
Suit. for a single person or couple over 50 – no pets
- Studio apartment
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Community alarm

Rent £86.92 pw inc. water and alarm charges

ROBINS LANE, BARRY

H4U Reference 1074380
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double-glazing
- Garden and parking

Rent £88.88 per week including service charge

SEYS COURT, LLANTWIT MAJOR

H4U Reference 235942
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £100.44 per week including water charge

SOMERSET ROAD EAST, BARRY

H4U reference 223937
Suitable for a single person or couple over 55
- One-bedroom bungalow
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm
- Gardens

Rent £98.31 pw including alarm and water charges

TREHARNE ROAD, BARRY

H4U Reference 226460
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing

Rent £80.94 per week including water charge

TY FFYNNON, BARRY

H4U Reference 226656
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement – no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- Central heating
- Double-glazing

Communal gardens

Rent £83.48 per week including water charge

VERE STREET, BARRY

H4U reference 959249
Suitable for a single person – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- Second floor (no lift)
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £77.09 per week including service charges

YOULDEN HOUSE, DINAS POWYS

H4U reference 232378
Suitable for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets
- Two-bedroom flat (FF)
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Warden and alarm

Rent £107.63 pw inc warden and alarm chgs

Are you a council tenant who has been affected by the bedroom tax?

Would you like to discuss the options available to you?
If so, call our **Money Advice Line** on 01446 709312 for constructive, impartial advice.
This number is not a bidding line for properties in this advert.

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of these homes.
When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference. All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.
Newydd is a charitable housing association.

Coed Criafol, Barry
4 Bedrooms
Conservatory Extension
Generous Size Throughout
£224,950 C69

Trem Echni, Rhoose Point
4 Double Bedrooms,
Fabulous Rear Extension
4 Car Drive, Private Garden
£239,950 C73

Benecrofte, Rhoose
3 Bedrooms and Loft Room
Beautifully Improved
Generous Sunny Gardens
£209,950 D61

Chris Davies

Rhoose 01446 711900
Llantwit Major 01446 792020
Barry 01446 700007
sales@chris-davies.co.uk

Ty Capstan, Barry
2 Bedrooms
2nd Floor Apartment
2 Car Parking Spaces
£99,950 B85

Courtlands, Park Road, Barry
2 Bedrooms, Covered Verandah With Sea Views, Top Floor, No Chain, Modern Kitchen
£104,950 E50

George Street, Barry
3 Bedrooms, GF Bathroom & FF Shower Room, Immaculate Order Throughout
£129,950 E53

Gladstone Road, Barry
3 Bedrooms, Refitted Kitchen & Shower Room, Large Sunny Rear Garden
£135,000 D64

Claude Road, Barry
3 Good Size Bedrooms, Very Well Presented Throughout, Enclosed Rear Garden
£139,950 D57

Clos Mancheldowne, Barry
3 Bedrooms
2 Parking Spaces
No Onward Chain
£146,950 D61

Nant Talwg Way, Barry
5 Bedrooms, Improved With Side Extension, Backing Woodland, Lovely Gardens
£299,950 C70

Lakin Drive, Barry
4 Double Bedrooms, Outstanding Family Home, Uninterrupted Rear Rural Views
£324,950 D56

Torbay Terrace, Rhoose
2 Double Bedrooms, Ground Floor Garden Apartment, Refurbished Throughout, Private Rear Garden
£107,000 D59

Llwyn Y Gog, Rhoose Point
3 Bed Semi, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner & Conservatory, Garage & Off Road Parking
£164,000 C71

Llanmead Gardens, Rhoose
4 Bedrooms,
Enclosed Rear Garden,
Detached Double Garage
£209,950 C69

Glyn y Gog, Rhoose Point
Detached Family Home
4 Beds, 2 Reception
Garage & Driveway
£239,950 C71

Lets!

Llanmaes, Llantwit Major
E41 - £425 pcm
One Bedroom, Shower, Garden

Mallory Close, St Athan
D58 - £495 pcm
Three bedrooms, Kitchen/diner, enclosed rear garden

Murlande Way, Rhoose
D67 - £495 pcm
Fully Furnished, One Bedroom, Modern Bathroom

Chestnut Avenue, St Athan
E49 - £525 pcm
2 Bedrooms, Refurbished Kitchen/Diner, Additional Attic Room

Scott Close, St Athan
E43 - £575 pcm
Four bedrooms, Sitting/dining room, Oven and hob

Ffordd Yr Eglwys, North Cornelly, Bridgend
D68 - £575 pcm
Three Bedrooms,Two Receptions, Large Rear Garden

Kenson Close, Rhoose
D71 - £600 pcm
Two Double Bedrooms, Conservatory, Front and Rear Gardens

Harding Close, Boverton, Llantwit Major
D59 - £625 pcm
Three Bedrooms, Kitchen diner, Large Rear Garden

Kenilworth Road, Barry
D60 - £650 pcm
Three Bedrooms, Large Kitchen Diner Utility Area

Maes Slowes Leyes, Rhoose
C78 - £695 pcm
Three Bedrooms, En Suite, Kitchen Diner

Church Meadow, Boverton
D57 - £825 pcm
Four bedroom detached Conservatory

Magpie Road, St Athan
F36 - £450 pcm
Two bedroom end link with gardens

Call Claire today to book a free rental valuation
01446 791966
lettings@chris-davies.co.uk

ATTENTION LANDLORDS
Properties required urgently in the following areas:
High Street and Four Acre in Llantwit Major and Eagle Road, St Athan for fully referenced tenants.

EL RASO, GUARDAMAR, COSTA BLANCA

3 bed, 2 bath link detached Villa
Solarium with views of the lake and nature reserve. Communal swimming pool. Beach 5 mins. Bus service to Guardamar, Torrevieja or Alicante. Alicante & Murcia 30 mins.
£106,500
For further information, contact
Paul on freephone 0800 135 7503

PROPERTIES REQUIRED FOR WAITING QUALIFIED BUYERS.

Highlight Park
West End of Barry
Rhoose & Rhoose Point
Also, any semis with driveways.

Call Andrew Fenton now on 07847 888750 or email andrew.fenton@chris-davies.co.uk

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional From our A-Z list

Aerials & Satellite

ONE VISION
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS

SONOS WiFi Wireless Sound Systems Supplied and Installed

Free Sky TV Dish & Sky Box Installation
Ring for Latest Subscription Package Deals
£60 CASH BACK for any New Sky Customer Taking a Subscription Package
SKY Repairs, adjustments and installations.
✓ Domestic & Commercial
✓ Discounts Per Days
✓ 24 Hour 7 Days Service
✓ 12 Month Guarantee
✓ RDI Approved Installers
FREE ESTIMATES
SAME DAY SERVICE

Digital TV Aerials Supplied & Installed at competitive prices
CAT V extensions for Broadband and Smart TV
Get HD Picture Quality into every room via CAT V

Is Your Aerial Installer...?
Confederation of Aerial Installers Certified? Police Checked? Using Industry Benchmark Aerials, Cables and Accessories?
ONE VISION ARE!
Wall Mounted TV Installation Specialists
visit our website for examples

Call Paul Williams
Cowbridge 01446 439 306 Bridgend 01656 349 281
www.onevisionltd.co.uk

Blinds & Curtains

SALE NOW ON
3 for 2
Buy 3 blinds for the price of 2

This fantastic offer is for a limited time only, call us today
Probably Wales' Number I for:
- Blinds
- Shutters
- Awnings
- Canopies

solar blinds

SOLAR
North Road, Bridgend
Industrial Estate, Bridgend CF31 3TP
Tel: 01656 663800

DAYTONA
Unit 3F, Palmersvale Business Centre, Palmerston Road, Barry
Tel: 01446 740842
www.solarsunshades.co.uk

THE AERIAL MAN (Barry)
TV Aerial and Satellite Specialists
Poor Reception Problems
OAP Discount
Additional TV Points
Digital Aerial Installation
Freesat Installations
Free Home Visits
www.dangracaerials.co.uk
Call today for your FREE quotation
LOCAL FRIENDLY PERSONAL SERVICE • ALL AREAS COVERED
01446 439 125 or 07818 413 451

VALE DIGITAL
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES
SPECIAL OFFER!!!!
DIGITAL AERIAL COMPLETE INSTALLATION FROM £60
EXTRA ROOMS £20 EACH
TV WALL MOUNTING & TV SET UP & TUNE IN SERVICE
ALL TYPES OF AERIAL & SATELLITES REPAIRED OR REPLACED
Tel. TIM on 07980 702229 / 01446 793189 ANYTIME
COMPETITIVE PRICES - FREE ESTIMATES - OAP DISCOUNTS - 7 DAY SERVICE
COVERING ALL AREAS

Aerial & TV Repairs

TELE-ELECTRICAL SERVICING
Specialist repairs in TV, Video, DVD & Audio.
Installations, tuning and set-up service.
Tel: (01656) 654156 or 07792 887835

3 GOOD REASONS
1 FREE Fitting
2 FREE Quotation
3 5 Year Guarantee

BLINDS & CURTAINS
3 Vertical Blinds from £99
Freephone: 0500 295192
Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh
Mirage Blinds
One offer per Household - Selected Ranges
Maximum 60"x60"

1st Digital Aerials
SPECIAL OFFER - £60 Complete Installation plus £20 per extra room
Local Digital Aerial Specialist
Digital Aerials Installed & Repaired.
Set Up and Tune In Service.
Problems with:
• Missing Channels • Freezing • Breaking Up
Call Adrian on 07999 331 160
or Barry 01446 743267
www.1st-digital.co.uk

Building Services

VALE CONSTRUCTION
- ROOFING
- BRICKWORK
- DRIVEWAYS
- ALL GENERAL BUILDING WORK

01446 488698

BARRY & VALE DAMP & TIMBER TREATMENT
SOLVING ALL YOUR DAMP PROBLEMS
01446 420784
07970 642537
www.barryandvaledampproofing.co.uk

BLIND SALE!
STARLINE
Awnings & Blinds
Unit 3 & 4, Western Industrial Estate, Caerphilly CF83 1BQ • www.starline-blinds.co.uk
TEL (029) 2086 0631
GENUINE 15% OFF SALE

Building Services

Robin Jones Builder
30 years Experience
All building repairs & maintenance undertaken:
• Decking • Fencing
Bathrooms & Kitchens
• Roofing & Plastering etc.
01446 402830

R.J.T
PLASTERING & GENERAL BUILDER
Flat/Fibre Glass, Roofs, Damp Proofing, Refurbishments.
Best Prices. Free estimates.
01446 450088 or 07920 195775

Mixcrete
Mortar · Screed · Concrete · Limesand
Unit 25, Llandow Industrial Estate
(Between Cowbridge & Llantwit Major)
Turn first right after Tower Cafe, by the yellow bollards. First gate on left.
Tel. 07788 377325
Also CARDIFF - NEWPORT - LLANELLI
Local suppliers of Mortar, Concrete, Screed, Bagged Sand & Aggregates.
Limesand · Aggregates · Mortar · Concrete
www.mixcrete.co.uk

Glamorgan Property Maintenance
General Property Maintenance & Building Work
"We do it all"
01446 711023
or 07950 004049
info@gpmaintenance.co.uk

D.P. BUILDING SERVICES
• Kitchens • Bathrooms
• Extensions • Plastering
• Carpentry • Joinery
• Roofing • Brickwork
• Conservatories
NO JOB TOO SMALL
Tel: 01446 711968
07831 655429

Building Services

MASONWISE BUILDERS
☎ 01446 742928
Established since 1979
- Extensions
- Disabled Grant Work
- Roofing & Repairs
- Conservatories
- Patio & Drives

No Job Too Small
Free Estimates
masonwise.builders@hotmail.com
44 Newlands Street, Barry

Carpentry Services

CALL NOW FOR A FREE QUOTE
Kitchens & Carpentry
Plumbing
Electrical
Painting/Decorating
Plastering/Rendering
contact@ark-carpentry.co.uk
02920 09 72 72

Carpet Services

VALE CARPETS
The Carpet Shop that comes to you
100's of Carpet & Vinyl samples
Established since 1980
Also Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning
Tel: Paul Wright
01446 751152
07811 092477

Computer Services

HD Computer Solutions
- All problems fixed
- Fast, reliable, on-site service
- Friendly advice freely given
- No fix, no fee
- Free callout

Tel 01446 773158
07779 713604 anytime

AB COMPUTER SERVICES
TUITION - BROADBAND
WIRELESS NETWORKS
REPAIRS & INSTALLATION
For home or office
Tel: 07811 422 946
27 High St, Cowbridge
www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

STEVE SEGUST FLOORING
Carpet Fitting, Refitting & Repair Service Available
~ Est 1987 ~
Choose from the comfort of your own home.
Free quotations, fitting, underlay and gripper.
All types of flooring available with a huge range of samples to choose from.
Best prices around.
Call any time...
01656 768120
or 07774 807111

Cleaning Services

Professional Driveway Cleaning
Before After
INTRODUCTORY OFFER £1.95 PER SQ METRE (RRP £4.95 per sq mtr)
07767 578727
Charity/organisations work done free of charge

ALPHA HOME CLEANING SERVICE
- Professional Carpet Cleaning
- Leather Suites Cleaned and Treated

Introducing from Sept 3, 2013: OUR NEW DRY CARPET CLEANING SERVICES
A good, reliable, prompt service, highest standards. Special rates for senior citizens.
01656 788901 or 07986 450609

CEMS (Wales) Ltd
GUTTER CLEANING & FASCIA WASH
01446 741460
07830 480569

Disposal Services

FLOYDS ENVIRONMENTAL
* Septic Tank *
* Cesspit Emptying *
* Treatment Plants *
Floyds is a well established service
07970 809096
01656 722665
floyds@homecall.co.uk

Why not advertise your trade in the GEM pages & reach potential Vale customers.
Call 01446 774484

Double Glazing Services

WELSH WINDOW SYSTEMS Est. 1987
Repairs to all UPVC & aluminium windows & doors
01446 749821
07877 836798

STEVE MOLONEY
Double glazing repairs. Hinges, handles, misted up sealed units, complete repair service available. *Established 1979.*
01656 783594 or 07877 558525

Why not advertise your trade in the GEM
Call 01446 774484

All Double Glazing Repairs & Maintenance
puc-V, Aluminium & Timber Windows
- Misted Units inc. Bevels & Stains
- Broken Handles/Hinges
- Door Locks Repaired & Upgraded
- Replacement Door Panels
- New Rubber Seals
- Fully Qualified Locksmith

Bridgend Windows Maintenance
PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND INSURANCE QUOTATIONS
01656 788403
Mobile: 07515 860113
33 Philadelphia Road, Porthcawl CF36 3DP
www.bridgendwindows.com

MG WINDOWS
Upvc Windows, Doors, Conservatories, Porches, Fascias, Soffits, Gutters, Sealed Units, All Maintenance. 25yrs exp.
Call Martyn on: 01446 796795 or 07712 631772
martyn.george73@hotmail.co.uk

WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR SERVICE
OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF uPVC AND ALUMINIUM WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR
Do you have any of the following problems...?
Misted-up Double Glazing • Broken Hinges
Seized Patio Door Rollers • Faulty door Locks
Seized Handles • Draughts • Broken Letter Box • Leaks, etc
If so phone for a free estimate and advice
FREEPHONE COWBRIDGE 0800 169 5171
We offer a competitive and friendly service to the Vale and surrounding area
TRY US FOR NEW UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS
8 am - 8 pm (7 days)
Window Tec UK
• Window and Door Repair •

Decorating Services

TRUE COLOURS
Painter & Decorator Interior & Exterior
City & Guilds Certified
25 years experience
Free Estimates
Quality Guaranteed
07873 326 892
01446 402 708

Bryan Hicks
Painting & Decorating Specialist
Est 1981
Interior - Exterior
01446 776203
07544 169855

STADRE PAINTING & DECORATING
- Interior/Exterior
- Clean, Friendly
- Professional
- No job too small

07791 752532
grussell@live.co.uk

Electrical Services

Tel: 01656 858997
Mob: 07970 764590
NICEIC DOMESTIC INSTALLER
Davem ELECTRICIAN
All electrical work undertaken
Testing & Inspection

Dave Reffell
Electrical Services
Approved Contractor
Domestic Installer Scheme
Free Quotations
01446 751743
07743 500149
dmreffell@hotmail.co.uk

Cowbridge & Vale Electrical
R.J.B.
All electrical installation works carried out.
Emergency call-out, re-wires, sockets, lights, Security.
01446 771655
07885 347642
NICEIC National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting Approved Contractor

REPAIRS
Washing Machines Electric Cookers, Tumble Driers, etc
Repaired in your own home
Freephone 0800 2984518
Barry 744117

Lilford Electrical
Design, installation and testing for homes and businesses
ELECSA Part P Approved Contractor www.elecsa.co.uk
Contact Rob:
01446 796905
07747 858514
rclilford@gmail.com
Fast • Polite • Professional

LK Electrical
All types of Electrical work undertaken.
Testing, Inspection & Certification
07891 965150
01446 403072

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
Washing Machines, Cookers, Fridge/Freezers, Tumble Dryers, Ovens, Hobs, Hoods. Built-in or Freestanding Appliances.
APPLIANCE CENTRE
01446 700206/730884

Garage Door Services

GARAGE DOOR SERVICES
The garage door specialists
All types of doors supplied, fitted & repaired
Over 15 years experience.
Same day repairs.
07783 703366
01446 743181
www.gdsdoors.co.uk

Gas Bottles

R&T
WE SELL BOTTLED GAS
Free Local Delivery and Collection
Tel. 01446 771999
Unit 20, Vale Business Park, Llandow
www.randt.co.uk

Gas Services

35 years established company
C.S.Boxall Ltd.
INSTALLATION, SERVICE & BREAKDOWNS
for all Gas, Oil, Solid Fuel, LPG
Static Homes, Caravans, Etc
Gas, Landlord Safety Checks
plus Electrical Services
by fully qualified indentured Service Engineers
7 year warranty on Worcester Boilers
198501
Call 01446 772444

Garden Services

Stables • Field Shelters • Kennels
Home Offices • Log Cabins
Ashdown
Timber Framing • Potting Sheds
Garages • Show Jumps • Hay Stores
Tel: 01446 772800 or Mob: 07815 304 156
www.ashdown-group.com • e-mail: info@ashdown-group.com

Arborwood Tree Care
Tree pruning • Crown lifting
Tree felling • Dangerous tree work
Pollarding • Dead wooding • Hedge cutting
Tree dismantling • Root pruning
Ground clearance
Call us for a friendly, free quote. Fully insured.
Tel: 07910 417471 or 01446 792262

Complete Garden Services
FENCING • DECKING • TREES FELLED, HEDGES AND LAWNS • WALLS, PATHS AND PATIOS
Telephone: 01446 419428 or 07765 611753

NDP GARDEN and PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
Grass Cutting, Weeding Shrubs & Hedges Trimmed, Tree Felling, Fencing, Turfing. Gutters & Fascias Cleaned Drives, Patios, Roofs, etc. Power Washed.
• *Free Estimates*
• *Reliable Family Team*
01446 773935 or 07773 992704

BRIDGE VALE TREE SERVICES
Specialists in Large/Dangerous Trees
FELLING, PRUNING, CROWN REDUCTION, THINNING OUT AND TOTAL DISMANTLING
HEDGE CUTTING & FENCING AVAILABLE
HIGHLY QUALIFIED/INSURED
SITE CLEARANCE
- FREE QUOTES -
Tel: 01446 713857 or 07921 902729

Garden & Landscaping Services
Award Winning Landscapers & Driveway Installers
- Patios • Decking • Fencing
- Block Paved & Resinbond
- Driveways • Walling
- Water Features/Ponds
- Turfing

Nick: 07790 166480 or 01446 710736
www.gardenandlandscapeservices.co.uk
info@gardenandlandscapeservices.co.uk

W&J Lewis GARDEN SERVICES
For all types of garden work.
07830 228877
01446 406457

JW Decking Est. 1999
BESPOKE TIMBER DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
- Equestrian Buildings
- Decking, Gazebo's, Pergolas
- Fencing
- Workshops & Sheds

01446 772139 / 07725 811207
www.jwdecking.co.uk

Home & Garden Care
Barry & The Vale
Handyman Service
All garden maintenance:
Grass Cutting.
Fencing Repairs.
Jet /Pressure Wash Service.
No job too small, free quotes, friendly advice. Great Prices
Andy Betts
Tel 07980 063087
01446 420059

The Green Factor Ltd
Free estimates, fully insured.
• Landscaping • Fencing
• Decking • Hedge Cutting
• Garden Clearance
• Patios and Paving
Call Paul on 01446 736525 or 07815 319427
WE ARE QUALIFIED, RELIABLE AND LOCAL!

Plastering Services

Cowbridge & Vale PLASTERERS
All Interior and Exterior work
Free Quotes
Tel. 01446 774899
0781 685 7935

GUY FORD
Quality Plastering Service
No job too small
FREE QUOTES
07812093098

RIVERLEA Horticulture
CHAINSAWS
SALES - SERVICE - REPAIRS - SPARES
WINTER SERVICE DEALS NOW AVAILABLE
Most makes serviced and repaired
Collection service available
LAWN MOWERS - RIDE-ONS - CHAINSAWS - STRIMMERS HEDGECUTTERS AND GARDEN ACCESSORIES
BRUSH CUTTERS
MOWERS
HEDGECUTTERS
VIKING STIHL
Vale Business Park, Llandow, Cowbridge CF71 7PF
Tel: 01446 775602

Handyman Services

K&A Handyman
"A family run business"
All aspects of general maintenance, carpentry, painting, decorating, carpet cleaning, gardening, garden & household rubbish clearance.
No task to big or small, just ask!
Contact: 07970 711879 or 01446 720840

The GEM
01446 774484

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional From our A-Z list

Plumbing Services

S.M.Vaughan
HEATING & PLUMBING - DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL
• Boilers • Pipework • Radiators
• Gas Safety Certificates
• Fires Servicing • LPG Specialists
• Static Homes/Caravans/Boats
Safe 230141
01446 734733 • Mob 07976 790096
Unit 11, Ty Verlon Ind. Estate, Barry

JW Bathrooms
• Plumbing • Tiling
• Plastering • Wet Rooms
Free estimates
No job too small
01446 400225
07866 470754

DC Plumbing
• NO call out charge
• Flexible hours
• No job too small
Call Dave on:-
Tel: 01446 413971
Mobile: 0779 263 0939

JOHN SARTAIN
Plumbing & Tiling
01446 794266

M MARTYN
PLUMBING SERVICES
For all your plumbing needs. No job too small
07526 125982
or 01446 753503

Why not advertise your trade in the GEM
Call 01446 774484

Roofing Services

01656 720551
07973 488806
Roofing specialists
S. MIDDLETON & SON
We cover all aspects of roofing including Firestone EPDM Flat Roofing Rubber Systems
www.middletonroofing.co.uk

01446 404838
Silvey Roofing
• New Roofs/Repairs
• UPVC Guttering & Fascias
FREE ESTIMATES
www.silveyroofing.co.uk

ROOFTEC
ROOFING SERVICE
New slate/ tile/flat roofs. Also fibreglass flat roofs. All aspects of uPVC guttering, fascias, downpipes, etc. Chimney/ valley repairs. House maintainance work carried out. No job too small. Guaranteed competitive rates.
Tel. (01656) 722593
Mobile: 07969 248688.
Free estimates
24 hour emergency call out.

Telephone Broadband

ARDENT TELEPHONE WIRING
Local Telephone and Broadband Engineer. Extensions and Faults. Internet connection issues.
Tel 07787 380972
ardent.wiring@hotmail.co.uk

Removal Services

MAN WITH A VAN
Low hourly rate, no job too small, fully insured.
01656 861120
07789 075104

Upholstery Services

Susan Viant Re-upholstery
All aspects of re-upholstery underaken.
Call
01656 724005 (day)
01656 720722 (evenings)

Tiling/Wetrooms

Bonny Tiler
Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
Full Bathroom and Wetroom installation
Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
01446 796582 / 07854 168459
www.bonnytiler.co.uk

Wanted

MRC TRADING
Wanted all cars and vans dead or alive
• MoT failures
• Insurance write offs
• Accident damaged
• Un-economical repair
• Fast, friendly service
• Free Collection
• Up to £5000 cash paid on the spot
• All scrap and unwanted vehicles
• Registered with Environment Agency & Council
01446 500229 or 07531 782162

SBS SALVAGE Ltd
BEST PRICES PAID FOR UNWANTED SCRAP
£1 to £100,000
Cars, Vans, Heavy Iron, Engines, Copper, Brass, Lead, Aluminium, etc . . .
All vehicles are disposed of in a correct and legal manner.
07772 054534 or 01446 421034

SCRAP YOUR CAR LEGALLY
Avoid the cell - USE A&L!
A&L VEHICLE RECYCLING & SCRAP METALS
We collect all over S. Wales
Collection within 1 hour
We buy any: Car, Van, Lorry, Bus, Scrap Metal, Gold and Silver etc.
UP TO £20,000 IMMEDIATE PAYMENT
We will beat any price locally REALLY! for: Copper, Lead. Brass, Aluminium, Stainless Steel, Household Wire, Armour Cable, etc.
ONLY licensed company Registered with the DVLA and Environmental Agency in Barry
We collect: insurance or 3rd party writeoffs • Car Shells Engines & Gearboxes
Call us today on 01446 701707 (24 Hours)

DH Solutions - Vehicle Traders
Scrap or not we buy the lot CASH
£200 minimum - Any vehicle with at least 3 months MoT in good working order
We buy all cars, vans, lorries and plant.
£150 minimum any vehicle up to £50,000 cash paid
Free collection for all vehicles at a time to best suit you.
£100 minimum any vehicle pre 1993 L Registration
All vehicles quotes are on a complete vehicle basis with all the factory components. All unsaveable vehicles disposed of in a correct and legal manner.
No wheels, no problem
www.scrapmetalvehicletrader.co.uk
07785 943145 or 01446 728137

Window Cleaning

Window Cleaning Services
PVC Frames
Doors • Fascias
Soffits & Gutters
Local Service (Barry & The Vale)
Free Quotes
Call Mike on 07585 738274

School of Motoring

Cats Eyes
Driving School Ltd
• Lessons from £10.99 • Instructor training
• Learn from 14 years of age
• One week crash courses including test
• Automatic Vehicles now available
0800 0280 406
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

LANEWISE DRIVING SCHOOL
First 3 hours from £39 for total beginners
01446 719555
07798 501267

The GEM
01446 774484

Wanted

SUTTONS Auto Salvage
£125 minimum paid on collection, for scrap, MOT failures, and tax expired vehicles.
Also body shells and scrap metals collected.
No wheels, no problem.
02920 597887
07971 648596

Articles For Sale

2'6" Single Bed
With drawer, quality mattress and headboard, as new £60 ono.
Mamas & Papas Cot Bed and mattress, hardly used £60 ono.
Buyer to collect
01446 743538 33/34

UPVC French Doors
1.6 x 2.1 metres £200
Glass Top Table Circular, Cane, with 4 chairs £75.
Four Director Shape Chairs Black leather and chrome £75
Heritage Cloakroom Suite White and cream £60 each
01656 772701 33/34

Zender Piano & Stool
Piano is attractive and compact, and needs tuning. £400
07905 909869
(Barry) 34/35

ACORN STAIRLIFT
Good condition, regularly serviced, buyer dismantles and collects.
£300 ono
07883 019730
(BARRY) 34/35

3' Single Bed & Headboard
Quality mattress.
£50 ono.
Buyer to collect.
01446 743538 34/35

Due to relocation:
Furniture, White Goods, Beds, Bedding, TV, Accessories, China etc.
Call 01446 774688 for more information 34/35

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE £12 inc. VAT - box for 2 weeks. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to 'The Glamorgan GEM' at The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or telephone us with your wording by 12 noon Tuesday. All major credit cards accepted. Tel 01446 774484. Advert must contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. **Sorry no refunds are given.**

TOWER SCAFFOLDING
Bankrupt Stock:
New galvanised 6ft x 4ft, 20ft working height. Complete with cross braces, safety rails.
£225 free delivery
Tel. 07836 270723 28/32

Jaycee Oak Welsh Dresser
3ft x 6ft;
18 inches deep.
£100 ono
01446 792224 32/33

Two Seater Manual Recliner Settee
Two leather swivel chairs with matching stools.
26inch LCD Combi TV.
Wooden stand - open to offers.
07967 175781 32/33

Roland HP-2E Piano & Stool
New Condition £650 ovno
Computer Work Station £35 ono.
Canon MG3100 Printer/Scanner Two months old £20.
01446 679171 32/33

Fresno Single White Cabin Bed with overbed storage. White with Silentnight Kids Poppy Purotext Mattress £210. Ikea Mammut childrens pink & red bed with mattress, wardrobe, study table, chest of drawers and small table. Collection before 12 August.
07741 513914 32/33

Antique Oriental Drinks Cabinet
Originally from Malaysia with exquisite wood carvings. Measurements: Height 143cm (with lid open 148cm). Bargain price.
£130
01446 720592 32/33

Six Mirrored Wardrobe Sliding Doors £30 each
Two Decorative White Radiator Covers £40 each.
01656 782480 32/33

Pro Fitness Magnetic Treadmill
With manual, perfect condition.
Asking price £50 ono
01446 740220 33/34

1 Dozen Dolls
In transparent cases, dressed in national costumes. Each approx 7" high, any reasonable offers.
02920 530344
(Sully) 34/35

Two Single Electric Adjustable Beds
£95 ono each
Black glass and chrome
Computer Desk
£40 ono
01446 741340
07808 172032 30/31

BROWN EXTERIOR DOOR
81 x 36ins with 5 lock system. Glass panel with Prince of Wales emblem. Needs letter box cover.
£80 ono
Hip & Thigh Step Machine Cost £95. Accept £45
01656 745763 30/31

TOSHIBA 21" TV & DIGIBOX & STAND £25
01446 781126
m.h.wheeler@btinternet.com 30/31

HOUSE CLEARANCE
Chairs, new fridge, variety G-Plan furniture. For more information call
07791 974456
01446 796850 30/31

4 Laura Ashley Bramley Cream Dining/Kitchen Chairs
Shop price £350 per pair. As new, £100 each.
01446 773201 32/33

Indispension Trailer
Single axle, 8x5ft bed.
Loading ramp rear. Spare wheel. £475.
01446 747680 32/33

Teak Dining Table
Round, extendable, with 6 chairs £120 ono.
2 New Ikea High Stools £25 each ono.
Dinas Powys
02920 514176 32/33

Two 3 Seater Sofas
Loose covered matching sofas, 203cm x 91cm width. Little used.
Offers over £100
01446 772293 33/34

Mobility Scooter
Complete with cover, Nearly new.
£475 ono
07504 878612 34/35

Brintons Carpet Runner
For hall, stairs and landing, approx 25 metres (in four pieces), exc. quality £250 ono.
Cross Trainer Exercise Bike £40
Students Trunk Polish Aluminium £50.
01656 772701 33/34

Situations Vacant

The Beech Tree Inn
Culverhouse Cross
is looking to invest in genuine, warm, happy smiley faces to train as
PART-TIME & FULL-TIME WAITING STAFF
Fantastic Opportunity!
Take the first step to a fun, rewarding new career right now!
029 2059 3106

Wanted

Vinny's Vinyl
Bought for cash today
All your unwanted CDs and Records
Tel 07450 460062

House Clearance

ANDREW WILLIAMS
HOUSE CLEARANCES
FULL/PART
Over 20 years experience. Sympathetic handling of deceased estates, used by estate agents and solicitors.
01446 409266
07885 251742

The GEM
01446 774484

Family Notices

KENNEDY
Rose Mary (née Parker)

Peacefully on August 12th at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Rose of Fountain Terrace, Bettws and formerly of Bedford Rise, Llantwit Major.

Beloved wife of the late Ben. Much loved mother of Mary, Violet, Alfie, Susan, Patricia, Helen and the late Frank. A respected mother-in-law. Loving Grandma Rose to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A dear sister to Glyn and Violet. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday August 27th, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12noon.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired may be made to Ty Hafan c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 6SB Tel: 01656 860545.

GIBBON
John

Peacefully, on Aug 14 in hospital, John of Ystradowen, formerly of Cartreglas, Welsh-st-Donats, beloved husband of Jean, dearly loved father of Mike, Kaye, Claire and Howard, a much loved grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday Aug 30, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request.

WILLIAMS
Lucy Lorraine

The family would like to thank Doris, Thelma, family & friends for their support during this sad time and for their attendance at the funeral service and all the donations received in memory of Lucy for Pagets.

Funeral Directors

W. A. Brown & Son
Funeral Directors
Contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
• Funeral pre-payment plans
• Memorial masonry
Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major
01446 792 489

Birthdays

Happy Birthday
MARGARET VANDERWARKER
on 23 August
Have a wonderful day!
Best wishes from all your friends at The GEM.

Happy Birthday...
Jeff Davis
on 28 August
HAVE A GREAT DAY!
Best wishes from all your friends at **The GEM!**

18 at last!
RHYS MALLOWS
Hope you have a lovely day!
Love Mum, Dad, Laura and Nan *xxx*

Congratulations

Congratulations
Chloe Sheppard
ON PASSING YOUR EXAMS.
Love always, Nan Sheppard. XXX

Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE
Sat 24th August
75 Llanmaes Rd, Llantwit Major
From a book to a fridge.
All household items etc.10am onwards.

Motors For Sale

CARAVAN
Damage Repairable
£200 ono
All mod cons inside. Will suit D.I.Y. enthusiast
07977 463773 31/32

Chrysler Voyager
52 Plate
Reg Cat C. MoT'd
£850 ono
07977 463773 31/32

V Reg MAZDA 1.3 LX
MOT Feb 2014.
£450
01446 409834 33/34

FORD TRANSIT TIPPER
White, single cab, 56 plate, new shape, FSH, MoT Feb 2014, 73k, towbar and electrics fitted. Excellently maintained. Great condtion. Owned by local Cowbridge firm.
£5,500 + VAT
01446 772139
07725 811207 31/32

6½ Ton Chassis Lorry
Skip gear available If required.
New alternator, starter motor, batery, etc. Low mileage. Ready for Mot.
£900
07977 463773 31/32

Porsche Boxster 2.7
2000W, blue, glass rear screen, same owner last 10 years, 118k miles, 11 months MOT & Tax, new tyres.
£5,250
07818 075 255 33/34

M Reg BMW 316
2 door, Green, 12 month MOT. Good condition. (No time wasters).
£750 ono
01446 742669 33/34

HONDA BAMBINO
4 Stroke Go-Kart
Petrol, age suitable for a 6-8 year old. Race ready, less than 12 hours driving time.
£850 ovno
07977 463773 33/34

September 99 Mazda MX5 SE
69k miles
£2100 ono
07752 491872 31/32

Nissan Micra 1.3
Aug 99. 5-dr silver, 66k, taxed & MOTd until January 2014.
£550
01446 760520 34/35

AJS Raptor 125cc 58 Plate Motorbike
Looks like a Harley Davidson, 12 months MOT, approx 4,700 miles.
£1,150 ovno
07977 463773 33/34

Motors For Sale

02 Peugeot 206CC Convertible
25,500 miles, new MOT, excellent condition.
£2,600 ono
01446 795977
before 7pm 34/35

Property

TO LET
4 Bed Property
Cross Street BARRY
Double Glazed, Central Heating
Available August 17th
£175 per week
Bond Required
Tel: 07916 315977

Advertise your car for sale
£20 + vat for 2 weeks

BUYING A NEW CAR?

Advertise your old one with us
01446 774484

'HUGE RESPONSE' TO GEM ADVERT!

THE Belle Moi opening day in Barry on August 10 was a "huge success" – thanks to an advertisement in The GEM.

A spokeswoman reported: "We had an amazing response to our advert in The GEM, and great feedback from customers.

"On the days we were accepting stock we had some beautiful pieces, including Karen Millen, Ted Baker, Jacques Vert and Joseph Ribkoff, for every occasion be it wedding, cruise, workwear or just casual. Now the rails are bursting with some stunning items, also shoes, handbags and accessories.

"Our opening day was a huge success - we had customers from Cowbridge, Llantwit, Penarth and further afield to help us celebrate our new venture.

"Customers' feedback stated "reasonable prices", "it's somewhere different in Barry" and "something for everyone in size 6-22".

"A big thank you to all our friends and family for their support."

ABOVE: Belle Moi had a successful opening – supported by The GEM!

£120,000 FACELIFT IS PLANNED FOR PARK

MASLIN PARK in Barry Island is set to receive a major facelift, after a specialist play equipment and design company was drafted in to work on £120,000 worth of improvements.

The Vale Council has appointed Wicksteed Leisure to carry out the revamping of Maslin Park, as part of the wider regeneration scheme for Barry Island.

"The company has been designing, building and installing playgrounds since 1918, and boasts the widest range of playground equipment in the UK," a spokesperson said.

Planning for the project got under way with play experts – the pupils at Barry Island Primary School – who were asked for their ideas on how the park could be improved and what they'd like to see in the finished play area.

The children helped choose the final layout for the play area, which will also include a multi-court for older children.

The council's cabinet member for leisure, parks, and sport development, Coun Gwyn John, said: "I would like to extend a special thank you to pupils and staff at Barry Island Primary School for their involvement in the project.

"The council has been actively involved in play area improvements across the town over recent years,

"I am pleased that Barry Island will now benefit from its own new play area."

The new play area at Maslin Park is due to be completed in time for the October half-term.

Charity car wash

THINKVANS.COM Limited, based on the Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry, is entering a team in this year's British Heart Foundation's London to Paris cycle ride, aiming to raise £2,500 for the charity.

A recent carwash raised £445, and the team is planning another on August 31.

Spokesperson Rhian Frewin said: "Everyone is welcome to come along to the car wash that day. The cash will be going to a good cause."

RNLI's safety message

FUNDRAISERS and volunteers at Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station spent a busy weekend on Barry Island promenade promoting beach safety, and raising funds for the lifesaving charity.

They brought a D-Class lifeboat and handed out sea safety advice to the thousands of visitors who had gathered to see the Zap Cats race in Whitmore Bay.

Chris Osbourne, deputy coxswain, said: "It's important that we get the sea and beach safety message out to as many people as possible.

"Taking precautions like wearing a lifejacket when on the water and swimming between the red and yellow flags on the beach really do save lives."

Small traders' local campaign

Alun Cairns chats to FSB south-east Wales branch secretary, Sybil Fowler, during his visit to Barry.

BARRY shoppers have been challenged to support local independent businesses as part of the FSB'S (Federation of Small Businesses) 'Keep Trade Local' campaign.

The campaign has been backed by Vale MP Alun Cairns in Barry, where he visited businesses along Holton Road.

Mr Cairns said: "I have always been committed to supporting small businesses, so it was a pleasure to visit traders in Barry and hear about some of the issues they face.

"There are things that the Vale Council can do to support small businesses in our town centres, measures such as keeping parking charges reasonable and providing business rates relief.

"However, there are also things that we can do as individuals by supporting local traders and by buying the things we need from people in our own communities."

FRF Toyota

Exclusive August offers!

2012 REGISTERED
TOYOTA YARIS
TR 1.33 5DR WITH TOUCH+GO

- UP TO 5 YEARS WARRANTY
- LOW INSURANCE
- FULL TOUCH SCREEN SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEM

FOR ONLY £10995

SAVE £3720 AGAINST NEW

OR FOR ONLY £1650 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £199 PER MONTH†

Massive Choice & Massive Savings

SAVE £6000
12 12 TOYOTA AURIS
SR 1.8 5dr
Black 5000 Miles
OUR PRICE £11995

SAVE £7365
12 12 TOYOTA AVENSIS
TR 1.8 4dr
Grey 10000 Miles
OUR PRICE £13450

SAVE £2135
13 13 TOYOTA AYGO
Fire 1.0 5dr
Orange 4 Miles
OUR PRICE £7950

SAVE £6805
12 12 TOYOTA RAV4
SR 2.2 D-CAT 5dr
Black 12000 Miles
OUR PRICE £21995

South Wales' largest selection of nearly new Toyota's

SAVE £5265
13 62 TOYOTA VERSO-S
T-Spirit 1.33 5dr
Silver 10 Miles
OUR PRICE £12650

SAVE £10955
11 11 TOYOTA PRIUS
20th Anniversary 1.8 Hybrid 5dr
Black 11000 Miles
OUR PRICE £15495

SAVE £6570
11 11 TOYOTA URBAN CRUISER
4WD 4x4 1.4D 5dr
Silver 28000 Miles
OUR PRICE £12450

SAVE £6550
12 62 VAUXHALL ASTRA
SRi 5dr
Silver 13000 Miles
OUR PRICE £11995

Just a small selection of our stock

11 61	TOYOTA AURIS SR 1.8 5DR BLUE 19000 MILES	£9,995
10 10	TOYOTA AURIS TR 1.6 5DR SILVER 21300 MILES	£8,495
12 12	TOYOTA AURIS SR 1.6 5DR BLACK 13993 MILES	£10,995
09 09	TOYOTA AURIS TR 1.6 5DR BLUE 18677 MILES	£7,495
12 12	TOYOTA AVENSIS TR 2.0 D4D 4DR BLUE 14000 MILES	£14,395
12 61	TOYOTA AVENSIS TR 1.8 5DR TOURER GREY 14000 MILES	£13,495
12 12	TOYOTA AVENSIS TR 1.8 5DR TOURER GREY 16700 MILES	£13,495
10 10	TOYOTA AYGO BLUE 1.0 5DR BLUE 28000 MILES	£7,295
11 11	TOYOTA AYGO BLUE 1.0 5DR BLUE 12400 MILES	£6,495
11 11	TOYOTA AYGO G0 1.0 3DR GREY 13900 MILES	£6,495
11 11	TOYOTA AYGO G0 1.0 5DR GREY 25500 MILES	£6,795
11 61	TOYOTA AYGO ICE 1.0 5DR RED 21500 MILES	£6,695
11 61	TOYOTA RAV4 XTR 2.2 D4D 5DR GREY 29800 MILES	£17,995
11 11	TOYOTA URBAN CR 4WD 4X4 1.4D 5DR BLUE 20073 MILES	£9,995
12 12	TOYOTA VERSO-S T-SPIRIT 1.33 5DR WHITE 10000 MILES	£12,995
11 61	TOYOTA YARIS SR 1.33 3DR WHITE 6500 MILES	£9,995
10 10	TOYOTA YARIS TR 1.4 D4D 3DR GREY 43000 MILES	£6,495
10 10	TOYOTA YARIS TR 1.0 5DR RED 34000 MILES	£6,295
10 10	TOYOTA YARIS TR 1.33 5DR RED 12000 MILES	£7,995
10 60	TOYOTA YARIS TR 1.33 5DR RED 21000 MILES	£7,995
11 61	TOYOTA YARIS TR 1.33 5DR BLACK 7300 MILES	£9,295
11 11	TOYOTA YARIS T-SPIRIT 1.33 5DR RED 18600 MILES	£8,995
11 11	TOYOTA YARIS T-SPIRIT 1.33 5DR SILVER 12300 MILES	£8,495
09 59	TOYOTA YARIS TR 5DR 1.33 BLUE 34159 MILES	£6,995
10 10	TOYOTA YARIS TR 5DR 1.33 SILVER 47307 MILES	£7,995
12 12	HYUNDAI I30 COMFORT 5DR BLUE 22658 MILES	£8,995
12 12	VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AIR CON 5DR BLACK 12500 MILES	£7,995
10 10	SUZUKI SWIFT SZ3 5 DOOR WHITE 25472 MILES	£5,995

• OVER 50% OF OUR STOCK ARE NON TOYOTA FRANCHISE

WITH EVERY USED CAR WE GIVE YOU...

- FREE FUEL ON SELECTED VEHICLES
- FREE MINIMUM 12 MONTHS' WARRANTY*
- FREE MOT FOR LIFE*
- FREE 12 MONTHS' AA ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE*
- FREE 6 MONTHS' SERVICE*
- OVER 150 CARS IN STOCK

MORE FRF TOYOTA USED CAR OFFERS ONLINE

FRF Toyota Used Cars
Tondu Road, **Bridgend**,
Mid Glamorgan CF31 4LH
01656 646646

SCAN HERE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TO VIEW VARIOUS USED CAR OFFERS ON OUR WEBSITE

CF31 4LH

11.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

www.frftoyota.co.uk

NETBALLERS CLAIM LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

LEFT: Barry Netball Club seniors had a summer to remember after winning the Cardiff & District summer league.

BARRY Netball Club seniors were celebrating after winning the Cardiff & District Summer League Tournament on August 7.

They managed a virtual clean sweep, with only one match lost out of 11 played, though their final match against Leckwith was closely fought with a result of 17-15. The squad consisted of: Jordan Dent, Rhian Griffin (coach), Meg Thickpenny, Sophie Hewitson, Amber Pringle, Jess Cottle, Georgia Hewitson, Becky Farr, Olivia Hewitson, Becky Akontopoulos, Meg Doyle, Cath Jones, Rachel Hewitson, Chloe Laventure, Natalie Ward and Alex Denton.

The girls will now have some well-deserved time off before training starts again on Monday, September 2 at the Colcot Sports Hall, 7pm–8pm.

We welcome players of all standards so if you are thinking of taking up a sport to keep fit, returning to netball after playing in school or university, or looking for a new club, come and give us a try.

For further information, contact Julia on 07980 529470 or Alison on 07528 518025.

JH

MRC AUTO CENTRE
Part Worn Tyres Supplied, fitted and Balanced
Unit 12E.
Atlantic trading Estate,
Barry. C63 3RF
01446 738496
• Servicing
• MoT Work
• Welding
on all makes and models undertaken
13″ – £12.50
14″ – £15.00
15″ – £20.00
16″ – £25.00
17″ – £30.00
Price includes disposal of your old tyre.
Local company serving local people

Need a Car? Can't get credit?
NEW for 2013
We like to say Yes!
Every appplication accepted, No Deposit - Decision within an hour if you apply today
» CCJs/Defaults
» Poor Credit History
» Council tax/mortgage arrears
» A member of our armed forces
» Self-employed
» Full or Part Time Work
» UK or EU Licence
» Ex Bankrupts
No problem!
Your one-stop shop for cars and finance - apply online at
www.barrycarcredit.co.uk
Call us on 01446 488481
19.9% Representative APR

OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK, EXCEPT BRIDGEND WHICH IS OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK • WHEEL ALIGNMENT SPECIALISTS
CELTIC TYRES
50 YEARS FOR TYRES IN SOUTH WALES
GOOD
Sava
Budget Range Tyres
Premium Budget
155/70TR13 £34.50
165/70TR13 £37.50
175/70TR14 £43.00
175/65TR14 £42.00
Please phone if your tyre size is not listed.
BETTER
Hankook
Firestone
Mid Range Tyres
Hankook
195/50VR15 K110 £53.17
195/60HR15 K110 £57.40
205/55VR16 XL £68.50
205/45WR17 K110 £89.00
Firestone
195/65HR15 TZ300 £54.50
195/60HR15 TZ300 £60.95
205/55VR16 TZ300 £66.50
225/45WR17 SZ90 £90.00
Please phone if your tyre size is not listed.
BEST
GOODYEAR
Top Brand Tyres
Goodyear
195/50VR15 EfficiGrip £59.50
195/65HR15 EfficiGrip £59.90
195/65VR15 EfficiGrip £63.50
185/65HR15 EfficiGrip £67.95
205/55VR16 EfficiGrip £72.50
205/55VR16 EfficiGrip £79.00
215/55VR16 EfficiGrip £109.50
225/45WR17 EfficiGrip £99.90
235/45WR17 EfficiGrip £110.00
225/40WR18 Excellence £117.60
205/50WR17 MCT5 £125.00
245/40YR18 Run On Flat £216.00
Please phone if your tyre size is not listed.
Driving down Britain's fuel costs.
Up to £40 fuel voucher when you buy Goodyear tyres.*
£75 Cash back* when you purchase car insurance online through Swinton.
swinton
www.goodyear.co.uk
@goodyear_uk Goodyear UK
GOODYEAR MADE TO FEEL GOOD.
EXHAUSTS*
Middle/Rear
Fiesta 1.25, 95-99
XFE 529 XFE 530 £70.40
Rover 25 1.1, 1.4, 99 on
XPR 312 XPR 253 £76.00
Micra 1.0, 92-98
XDN 360 XDN 361 £73.30
BRAKES*
Examples:
Corsa 1.0, 1.2, 93-00
PAD 702 £35.80
Clio 1.2, 1.4, 91-04
PAD 885 £34.00
Escort 1.4, 1.6, 95-99
PAD 1139 £38.80
BATTERIES
3 Year Warranty from only £42.87 (UK C63)
Prices are for single tyres - Multibuy deals are available - Phone us first!
All prices include VAT balance, valve, fitting and casing disposal
CELTIC TYRES
BRIDGEND** Bridgend Industrial Estate 01656 657424
CARDIFF Brindley Road, off Penarth Road 029 20 221201
**Exhausts, Brakes and MOT's only available at our Bridgend store.
www.celtictyres.co.uk
TYRES EXHAUSTS* BATTERIES BRAKES* SUSPENSION MOT* NITROGEN INFLATION
GOODYEAR DUNLOP
CELTIC TYRE SERVICES 50th ANNIVERSARY 1963 2013

BARRY TYRE CENTRE Ltd.
A family owned business serving Barry for nearly 40 years.
You can't get better than a Barry tyre fitter!
SPECIAL OFFER
Air Conditioning check and re-gas for only £39.95
Only with this advert. (normally £55)

CAR SERVICING
from only
£49.95
Main dealer servicing, but not at main dealer prices.
Original specification parts used.
Top grade oils used.
Service records fully stamped.
Please phone for a quote for your vehicle from a Matiz to a Mercedes!
LOWER GUTHRIE STREET, BARRY CF63 4PS
01446 737447
VEHICLE TESTING STATION
HOLTON ROAD, BARRY CF63 4HU
01446 745888
www.barrytyreautocentre.co.uk
ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
OPEN: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm
Saturday 8.30am - 1.00pm

Cosker and Wright are batting for charity!

GLAMORGAN County cricketers Dean Cosker and former Cowbridge Comprehensive pupil Ben Wright today join a host of high profile cricketers supporting 'Batting for Charity', an initiative organised by County Championship sponsors LV=.

The initiative will see Cosker and Wright display an LV= sticker on their bats for the remainder of the cricket season and in return, LV= will donate £250 towards the NSPCC as nominated by Cosker, while Wright has chosen the Tom Maynard Trust to receive the £250 donation.

The NSPCC was set up in 1884 with the goal of ending cruelty to children in the UK.

The Tom Maynard Trust was established following the tragic death of the Surrey cricketer, which aims to help the development of disadvantaged cricketers.

Mike Fatkin, spokesperson for the Tom Maynard Trust commented: "We are very grateful for the donation from LV=. Every donation we receive makes a huge difference to the work that we do.

To have Ben championing our cause on the cricket field is just brilliant and we wish Ben the best of luck for the rest of the season."

Ben Wright added: "I am very pleased to be able to support the Tom Maynard Trust this season. It is an incredibly worthy cause; the support the charity offers and the difference they make to people's lives is incredible, so if my donation can help the work they do, it's the least I can do."

Calling all club officials!

We welcome your reports, news and other items of interest - *gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk*

Liam and Jenson land martial arts medals

RECENTLY, the World Martial Arts Games XIV took place in the City West Conference Centre in Dublin.

Local brothers Liam (16) and Jenson Rees (7), pictured right, competed as members of team Wales.

Students had travelled from America, Canada and Mexico and many other countries to take part in this spectacular event.

Jenson was first to fight on the Saturday, entering light continuous under-9s. He fought though the rounds and took a well earned bronze medal. Jenson also entered the semi contact category on the Sunday, where he took the silver medal.

Late on the Sunday afternoon it was Liam's turn to shine. Liam entered the age 15-17 semi contact category, which was split as the group was so big.

Liam fought his way comfortably through to the final, where he was beaten by a few points and took the silver medal.

Liam is now in training as he is through to the men's finals of The Lordswood Tri Series in Birmingham in October. Well done boys, you did Wales proud.

LR

AFFORDABLE RICH PICKINGS.
MINI
The best thing about buying a MINI Cherished Approved Used Car is there's bound to be one to suit you and your budget, so you can afford to be picky. Each one is checked by our MINI Technicians and if anything isn't up to scratch we'll fix it using Genuine MINI Parts, leaving you in no doubt you are driving an original.

2007 57 Reg	MINI Cooper Hatch Chili Red, Rooster Red Half Leather, White Roof, CHILI Pack	29k	£7,450
2008 58 Reg	MINI Cooper S Hatch Chili Red, Black Half Leather, White Roof, Xenon Headlights, CHILI Pack	34k	£9,450
2009 09 Reg	MINI Cooper Hatch Chili Red, Black Half Leather, Bluetooth, Black Roof, CHILI Pack	31k	£9,950
2011 11 Reg	MINI Cooper Hatch Diesel Horizon Blue, Black Half Leather, Bluetooth, CHILI Pack	32k	£11,850
2009 59 Reg	MINI Cooper Convertible Midnight Black, Black Half Leather, CHILI Pack	19k	£11,850
2009 09 Reg	MINI Cooper S Clubman Astro Black, Black Half Leather, Silver Stripes, 17" Alloys CHILI Pack	19k	£12,450
2011 61 Reg	MINI Cooper Diesel Hatch Pepper White, Black Half Leather, Alloys in Black CHILI Pack	18k	£12,850
2011 11Reg	MINI Cooper Convertible Interchange Yellow, Black Half Leather, CHILI Pack, 17" Black Star Alloys	30k	£13,450
2011 60 Reg	MINI Cooper Countryman Royal Grey, Light Tobacco Half Leather, White Roof, CHILI Pack	13k	£14,450
2011 61 Reg	MINI Cooper SD Hatch Pepper White, Black Half Leather, Xenon Headlights, CHILI Pack	26k	£15,850
2012 12Reg	MINI Cooper S Hatch Lighting Blue, Black Half Leather, CHILI and Media Pack, Panoramic Glass Sunroof	7k	£17450
2013 13 Reg	MINI Cooper S Hatch Midnight Black, Grey Lounge Leather, CHILI Pack	4k	£18,850
2013 13 Reg	MINI Paceman SD Starlight Blue, Carbon Black Cloth/Leather, Panoramic Sunroof, 18" Alloys, CHILI Pack	4k	£24,450
2013 13 Reg	MINI JCW Hatch Midnight Black, Recaro Sports Seats, Media and CHILI Pack	1k	£27,850

Over 1000 Cherished MINIs in Group stock so pop down to Sytner Cardiff now or check out our full stock at www.sytnercardiffmini.co.uk
SYNTER CARDIFF
Hadfield Road, Cardiff CF11 8AQ
02920 558970 www.sytnercardiffmini.co.uk
MINI CHERISHED. APPROVED USED CAR.

A.B. CAR SALES

Better Cars at Better Prices

OVER 100 CARS IN STOCK

09 RANGE ROVER Sport 3.6 TDV8 HSE 5-Dr. Met. Grey, **(Diesel)**, Auto, Sat Nav, Full Beige Leather, FSH & much more, 67k.

£24,990

59 FORD Focus 1.8 TDCi Zetec 5-Dr. Met Blue, **(Diesel)**, FSH, Air Con, Parking Sensors, CD Player, 49k.

£6,990

10 VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 VVT Sport 2-Dr Convertible. Met Silver, 1 Owner, FSH, Air Con, CD Player, 18k.

£7,790

08 PEUGEOT 207 1.6 HDi (110) Sport 5-Dr. Met Orange, **(Diesel)**, Air Con, Alloys, CD Player, 91k.

£3,990

10 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 CDTi Exclusive Saloon. Met Silver, **(Diesel),** One Owner, FSH, Sat nav, Cruise/Climate Control, 70k.

£8,290

10 SEAT Leon 1.6 TDi CR SE. **(Diesel)**, 1 Owner, FSH, Cruise & Climate Control, Bluetooth, 78k.

£7,490

56 RANGE ROVER Sport 2.7 TDV6 HSE. Met Black, **(Diesel)**, Auto, Sat Nav, Full Black Leather, Cruise & Climate & much more, 89k.

£17,490

07 MERCEDES BENZ SLK 200K 2-Dr 1.8 Convertible.Met Blue, FSH, Air Con 6 Speed, MFSW, CD Player, 61k.

£10,490

56 KIA Sportage 2.0 XS 5-Dr. Met Silver, Full Black Leather, Heated Seats, Cruise & Climate Control, 4x4, 31k.

£5,290

05 VW Golf 1.9 SE TDi Hatchback. Met Black, **(Diesel)**, Air Con, CD Player, Alloys, E/Windows, C/Locking, 108k.

£4,490

TEL.01446 735555 www.abcarsalesltd.co.uk SAT NAV CF63 2NW

A.B Service Centre>

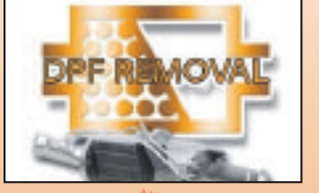
Car Diagnostics

from £39.99 + VAT

Vehicle Remapping From £149 + VAT

Eco Tune - Fuel Economy gains of up to 17%.
Performance Tune - performance gains of up to 35%.
50/50 - Increase fuel economy & power.

DPF Removal from £199.99 + VAT



Tyres from £19.99 + VAT

MOT ONLY £25

01446 735561
Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm
Saturday 8.30am-1pm

INTERIM SERVICE £69.90 + VAT

All major credit cards accepted

CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY, VALE OF GLAMORGAN CF63 2NW
www.abservicecentre.co.uk • Tel. 01446 735561

Economy Service

Genuine Oil Filter & Mobil or Castrol Oil
Vehicle Safety Check & Inspection
Fluid Check & Top Ups
Complementary Wash
Manufacturer Trained Technicians

Only available to German vehicles over 5 years old
Synthetic & Low Ash Oil Surcharge May Apply
Maybe your car is between services and you want to keep your car in top condition? The Economy service can help!

ONLY £60

Manufacturer Specfication Service

Genuine Parts & Highest Quality Oils
Exactly the same checks as performed by the Main Dealers
Complementary Air-Con Anti Bacterial Service
Free Luxury Courtesy Car or Vehicle Collection & Drop Off
Full Vehicle Valet including Hand Waxing
Diagnostic Code Scan & DTC log Printout
Work will not invalidate your New or Used Car Warranty

Prices specific to Vehicle, please call for a price tailored to your car
What we include in our base price would on average cost over £300 extra at the dealer using the same tools by staff that used to work at those same dealers.

SERVICING TAILORED TO YOUR CAR - EXCEEDING MANUFACTURERS REQUIREMENTS - EXCEEDING YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Deutsche Auto Teknik For German Cars

Diagnostics FROM £25
Laser Alignment FROM £35
MOT Test £25

DATSC only employ Factory Trained former Franished Dealer technicians. Ex Sytner, Rydale Pendragon etc.
Can you say the same for the MOT station you currenty use?
Why would you entrust your car to anyone else?
Our focus is simply on German Cars. Our staff undergo constant training to stay up to date and using our Autologic diagnostic system we're able to provide dealer quality diagnostics.

Quite simply, if you want the best for your German car, choose a Garage whose whole focus is German Car Excellence

Delphi Air Con Servicing
The Full Package

Advanced Moisture Removal
Full Regas
Compressor Oil Renewal
Anti Bacterial Additive
Leak Detection Additive
Nitrogen Leak Detection

FROM £55

DATSC DEUTSCHE AUTO TEKNIK SERVICE CENTRE

Deutsche Auto Teknik - For German Cars
5 Woodham Road, Barry Docks CF63 4JE
Service & Repairs: 08000 337 092 / 01446 327 007

NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY!

11 VW Scirocco 2.0TDi GT
In white. 43,000 miles with sunroof, etc.
£16,995

09 TOYOTA Auris 1.6 TR
3-dr. In light met blue, 35,000 miles
£6,495

57 VOLVO C70 2.4i Sport Convertible
Steel Roof 4-Seater, in Light Met Blue, 45,000 miles
£7,995

57 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Zetec
In Met Purple, 59,000 miles, with air con, alloys etc.
£3,995

61 PORSCHE Cayenne 3.0 Diesel
White, full beige leather, 7,000 miles
£54,995

57 VAUXHALL Tigra 1.4 Exclusive Convertible
In black, 66,000 miles
£4,995

60 SUZUKI Swift 1.3 SZ3
3-Dr, in burnt orange, 20,000 miles, low insurance
£6,495

08 FORD Focus 1.8 Zetec 5-Dr (125)
Vision Blue, 48,000 Miles, very nice example
£5,495

10 PEUGEOT 107 Millesim Edition
In white , 12,000 miles, 1 owner with a/c, alloys
£5,995

JUST A SELECTION OF OUR STOCK...

61 **PORSCHE Cayenne 3.0 Diesel Auto.** In white with full beige leather, 7,000 miles, too many extras to list .**£54,995**
11 **VW Scirocco 2.0TDi GT** in white, 43,000 miles with sunroof, etc .**£16,995**
60 **FORD Galaxy 2.0 Diesel Zetec.** In met grey, 37,000 miles. 7-seater .**£12,995**
09 **JAGUAR X-Type Sovereign 2.2 Diesel Auto.** In Jaguar racing green with luxury interior. This car looks superb .**£8,995**
59 **VW Golf 1.6 TDi S 5-dr.** In met grey, 71,000 miles, diesel hatch at .**£7,995**
57 **VOLVO C70 2.4i Sport Convertible Steel Roof 4-Seater.** In light met blue, 45,000 miles .**£7,995**
08 **TOYOTA Avensis 2.0 Diesel TR** In met, 59,900 miles, very nice example at .**£6,995**
08 **FORD Mondeo 2.0 TDCi Edge Auto.** in met blue, 31,000 mile diesel at .**£6,995**
09 **TOYOTA Auris 1.6 TR 3-dr.** In light met blue, 35,000 miles .**£6,495**
60 **SUZUKI Swift 1.3 SZ3 3-dr.** In burnt orange, 20,000 miles, low insurance .**£6,495**
10 **PEUGEOT 107 Millesim Edition** in white. 12,000 miles. 1 owner with a/c, alloys .**£5,995**
59 **VW Polo 1.2 Hatch 5-Dr.** In met. grey, 43,000 miles, 1 owner .**£5,995**
55 **KIA Sportage 2.0 CRDi XE 5-dr**. In black, 76,000 miles, 1 lady owner, diesel 4x4 at .**£5,995**
59 **VAUXHALL Meriva 1.3 CDTi Club.** In met grey, 34,000 miles, low insurance .**£5,795**
09 **HYUNDAI i20 Comfort 1248cc 5-dr** in met silver, 22,000 miles, 1 owner .**£5,795**
58 **MAZDA 3 Takhra 1.6 Automatic** in light met blue, 36,000 miles .**£5,695**
59 **SMART Passion Diesel Convertible Automatic.** In black, 36,000 miles, free road tax, fantastic mpg .**£5,495**
58 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Diesel Zetec Blue 3-dr.** In met silver, 51,000 miles, £30 road tax, air con, alloys etc. .**£5,495**
58 **VW Polo 1.4 Diesel Hatch 3-Dr.** In black, 63,000 miles, 1 owner .**£5,495**
08 **FORD Focus 1.8 Zetec 5-Dr (125).** In vision blue, 48,000 miles, very nice example at .**£5,495**
05 **TOYOTA RAV4 2.0 VVTi XT3 3-Dr.** In silver, low mileage 4x4 at .**£5,495**
57 **VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Design Coupe.** In met silver, 50,000 miles. Stylish hatch .**£4,995**
57 **VAUXHALL Tigra 1.4 Exclusive Convertible.** In black, 66,000 miles .**£4,995**
06 **SUZUKI Jimmy 1.3 VVTS** In met gold, low mileage 4x4 at .**£4,995**
58 **VAUXHAL Corsa 1.4 SXi 3-Dr.** In black, 59,000 miles with air con and alloys .**£4,795**
08 **VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 SX 5-Dr.** In black, 59,000 miles with air con .**£4,795**
55 **FORD Focus 2.0 Ghia Automatic.** In met grey, low mileage, local example at .**£4,695**
57 **FORD Focus 1.6 Style 5-dr.** In met blue, 67,000 miles with a/c .**£4,495**
57 **NISSAN Micra 1.2 Acenta 3-dr** in met blue, 28,000 miles. Low insurance .**£4,495**
06 **TOYOTA Corolla 1.6 Colour 5-dr.** In light met blue, 70,000 miles, a/c, alloys .**£4,495**
58 **VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 Design 3-dr.** In met-blue, 72,000 miles, 1 owner .**£4,395**
07 **SEAT Altea 1.6 Reference Sport.** Red, 62,000 miles .**£4,395**
03 **MINI Cooper 'S'** in chilli red with white roof, 84,000 miles, 1 owner with chilli pack, xenons, etc .**£4,395**
59 **CHEVROLET Matiz SE (new model)** in met orange, 18,000 miles with a/c .**£3,995**
07 **PEUGEOT 407 1.6 Diesel SE Estate.** In silver, 71,000 miles, full glass roof .**£3,995**
56 **VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 Design Automatic 5-Dr.** In black, 59,000 miles, fantastic value at .**£3,995**
06 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Diesel Style Climate 5-dr.** In glacier silver, 67,000 miles, £30 road tax, CD, Air Con .**£3,995**
06 **TOYOTA Aygo 1.0 Sport 3-dr.** In glacier blue, 61,000 miles, £30 road tax .**£3,995**
57 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Zetec 3-dr.** In met purple, 59,000 miles, with a/c, alloys, etc .**£3,995**
57 **MAZDA 3 TSZ 1.6 5-Dr.** In met grey, 73,000 miles, superb value at .**£3,995**
05 **FORD Focus 1.6T Titanium 3-dr** in met blue, 41,000 miles, 1 owner .**£3,995**
03 **MINI Cooper** in silver with black roof, 65,000 miles. Very nice example at .**£3,995**
07 **RENAULT Megane 1.6 Dynamique Automatic.** In sand met. Low mileage example at .**£3,695**
54 **VW Passat 1.9TDi (130) Trendline** in silver, 66,000 miles, 2 owners .**£3,695**
05 **VAUXHALL Astra 1.7 Diesel (100) Club Estate.** In silver, 74,000 miles .**£3,495**
54 **SEAT Altea 1.6 Stylance.** In light met blue, 82,000 miles, roomy family hatch .**£3,495**
04 **FORD C-Max 1.6 Diesel Automatic Zetec.** In moonstone blue, 75,000 miles .**£3,495**
02 **TOYOTA RAV-4 2.0 VVTi Auto 5-Dr.** In met blue with black leather, 80,000 miles .**£3,495**
57 **FORD Ka Luxury.** In silver with black leather trim, 30,000 miles, a/c, alloys etc .**£3,295**
54 **TOYOTA Corolla 1.6 T3 VVTi 3-dr** in silver, 78,000 miles. Stylish hatch at .**£3,295**
57 **CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0 SE Cool.** In silver, 40,000 miles, low insurance .**£2,995**
05 **VAUXHALL Zafira 1.6 Life.** In met blue, 53,000 miles, 7 seater .**£2995**
54 **SMART ForFour 1.1 Pulse.** Black/Silver, 60,000 miles, low insurance .**£2,995**
53 **VW Golf 1.6 Match 5-Dr.** In black, 84,000 miles with alloys, air con etc. .**£2,995**
03 **DAIHATSU Terios Tundra 1.3 5-Dr.** Blue/Silver with beige interior, 63,000 miles, 4x4 .**£2,995**
52 **TOYOTA Celica 1.8 VVTi.** In silver, 74,000 miles with sunroof and leather .**£2,995**
Y **VOLVO V70 TS Auto.** In met green with beige leather, 72,000 miles, superb example .**£2,995**
05 **FORD Focus 1.8 Edge 3-dr.** In ice silver, 72,000 miles with alloys, cd .**£2,795**
54 **FORD Focus 1.6 Ghia Automatic** in black with black leather, 71,000 miles .**£2,795**
54 **PEUGEOT 307 XSi 2.0 HDi 3-dr.** In black with half leather trim. Economical and quick .**£2,795**
04 **FORD Focus 1.6 Ghia 5-dr** in light met blue, 85,000 miles. Ideal famil hatch .**£2,795**
51 **VW Beetle 1.6** In silver, 84,000 miles, 2 owners, born to be different .**£2,695**
52 **TOYOTA Yaris 1.5 T-Sport.** In met gold, 59,000 miles, superb example at .**£2,495**
03 **VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 Elegance 5-dr.** In met burgundy, 56,000 miles, 2 owners .**£2,295**
54 **PEUGEOT 206 1.1 Independence 3-dr.** In red with beige suede interior, low mileage, low insurance .**£2,295**
04 **RENAULT Megane Expression 16v 5-dr** in black, 65,000 miles. Ideal family hatch .**£2,295**
06 **CHEVROLET Lacetti 1.8 Sport 5-dr.** In silver with full leather trim, 75,000 miles. .**£2,195**
03 **SKODA Fabia 1.4 16v Elegance 5-dr.** In met blue with a/c, heated seats etc .**£1,995**
02 **HYUNDAI Amica 1.0 GSi 5-dr.** In green, 44,000 miles, low insurance .**£1,695**

09 JAGUAR X-Type Sovereign 2.2 Diesel Auto
In Jaguar racing green with luxury interior. This car looks superb.
£8,995

03 MINI Cooper
Silver with black roof, 65,000 miles
£3,995

03 MINI Cooper 'S'
In Chilli Red with white roof, 84,000 miles, 1 owner with chilli pack, xenons etc.
£4,395

59 CHEVROLET Matiz SE (new model)
Met orange, 18,000 miles with a/c
£3,995

All cars supplied with new MoT and 3 months RAC warranty.
Just a small selection of our comprehensive range in stock. Visit our website for full details.

Broad Street, Barry (Next to Barry train Station) **01446 722600**

FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPi CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME • OPEN 7 DAYS CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN

MULTI-PHOTOS AND FULL DESCRIPTION ON WEBSITE
www.garywatsonmotorcompany.co.uk

GEM sport

Tae Kwon Do school celebrates Dublin successes

RECENTLY, the Cadoxton School of Tae Kwon-Do combined forces with kick boxing, Kung Fu, and other martial arts schools to form a formidable Welsh squad at the recent WOMAA World Martial Games X1V in Dublin.

The Welsh squad were headed by Master Ron Thomas, and countries represented included America, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Ireland, England, Norway, Jersey, Isle of Man, Slovakia, and Bangladesh.

Cadoxton came away successfully with a total 30 medals and eight titles:-

Day one, Friday: After the opening ceremony, the weapon, traditional and synchronised patterns categories began. In traditional patterns, Matthew Bennett, Lucy Newman and Jake Quigley took third place, Anita Sheppard and Cody Jacobsen second, and first place went to Thea Cunningham.

Weapons sections – Thomas Haysham was third, Evan Baron and Matthew Bennett second, and in first were Lucia Cunningham and Anita Sheppard.

Synchronised patterns – Morganne Gomez Jones and Anita Sheppard took second, just missing out by 100th of a point for the gold.

Saturday: In continuous sparring categories Morganne Gomez Jones, Matthew Bennett and Evan Baron took third place. Cody Jacobsen and Thea and Lucia Cunningham were second and first place went to Lucy Newman.

Sunday was the longest day with all the point and team sparring categories, King and Queen of the ring, and the grand champions' run-offs. Cody Jacobsen, Lucia Cunningham, Evan Baron and Jamie Halford all took third place.

Matthew Bennett and Anita Sheppard were second, and first place went to Thea Cunningham, Bradley Halford and Lucy Newman.

King of the ring went to Jamie Halford. Lucia Cunningham was a member of the Welsh junior girls team who got through to the final, where they came up against team USA. With Lucia scoring 20 points, the Welsh team were the winners.

Club instructor Master Ron Thomas was extremely pleased with all the competitors, coaches and the supporters for their support and fundraising running up to the games and over the very strenuous weekend. The club is now looking forward to the European championships in Jersey later in the year.

For further information and training times telephone 01446 406372 or 07811934079.

RT

Jordan is King of the (Wenvoe) Castle!

The winning team (from left to right) of Heather Thompson, Lynda Campbell and Linda Bird receiving their prizes from club captain Barrie Jones.

THE Castle trophy is one of the prestigious competitions of the year at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club and attracts the top golfers in the region.

The competition is included in the Glamorgan County Golf Union 'Order of Merit' and players can earn valuable points toward the overall title. The winner on the day also receives an attractive prize in the form of a £200 voucher.

The 36-hole scratch competition was played in sunny conditions, although the stiff breeze which developed through the day ensured that the course proved its usual tough challenge with a CSS of 74 in the morning and 75 for the afternoon.

However the testing conditions clearly showed in the results, with no player managing to achieve or break the gross par of 72.

The best score in the morning was posted by Matthew Gill of Wenvoe Castle with 73, just one ahead of Alex Baker of the Vale with 74. Both players dropped out of contention in the second round when four players recorded the best gross score of 75.

This included the eventual winner of the Castle trophy, Jordan Price-Davies of Glamorganshire, whose consistent play was rewarded with a gross score of 150 for the two rounds.

Just squeezed out into second place was defending champion Leigh Ivory of Wenvoe Castle with 151; Chris O'Neil of Radyr took third place with 152.

The presentation of the course was excellent and the players paid compliments about the superb quality of the greens.

Club captain Barrie Jones presented the Castle trophy and £200 voucher to the winner and also congratulated all the players for taking part and supporting the competition.

He also endorsed the compliments regarding the superb condition of the course and in particular thanked the green staff for their skill and effort in consistently maintaining the course up to such a fine standard.

Ladies Open Day at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club is always a popular event and this year was no exception with a good entry rewarded by yet another warm and sunny day.

The stableford competition involved teams of three players, with the best two scores to count and you could almost guarantee a close finish was on the cards.

Local knowledge proved to be a major contribution as Lynda Campbell, Heather Thompson and Linda Bird, all members of the home club, posted the winning score of 83 points.

Close on their heels were Janet Beckerley, Joan Bool and Annette Doors from Brynmeadows Golf Club who just missed out with 82, while Sheila Davies, Sue Dayananda and Karen Ball of Wenvoe Castle took third place with 80 points.

Jordan Price-Davies receiving the trophy.

Carole Harris (Wenvoe Castle) won two prizes – nearest the pin on the tricky 9th hole and also nearest the line with her drive down the middle of the fairway on the 14th hole.

Longest drive on the 18th fairway went to Lynda McCarthy of Kennilworth Golf Club.

A special prize for scoring a two went to three players, Lynda Campbell and Sheila Davies of Wenvoe Castle, and Jackie Kennedy of Pennard Golf Club.

Club captain Barrie Jones presented the prizes and thanked the ladies and seniors sections for their part in organising the day with special appreciation to Wendy Motton for her management of the event.

Once again the golf course was in a magnificent condition and players were highly complimentary about the quality of the greens which have a gained a deserved reputation for being the one of best in the region.

BJ

Memorial day was a success

Rhys Connell (home winner) pictured with Harrison Jones and the club captain

RECENTLY the third Memorial Day golf event took place in memory of Colin Jones at Brynhill golf club.

Colin was a well-respected local Barry solicitor and a much loved member of the club. The measure of respect in which Colin was held was shown by the attendance of golfers from Brynhill, Wenvoe Castle, Dinas Powys, St Andrews and Cottrell Park.

All players were greeted by a course which was in excellent condition, prepared by Iain Grant and his ground staff. The event was a tremendous success and carried on into the evening with presentations. a raffle and a disco.

The club captain, Michael Moore, thanked everyone for attending and paid special thanks to Mark McCafferty for arranging the day and Sheila Williams, who manned the desk from 7.30 in the morning, did all the score cards and was still there at 9pm that night! Thanks also go to all who donated raffle prizes.

Ian McPherson (away winner).

The prizes were presented by Colin's son Harrison and Jodie Winters, results of the competition as follows: *Away mens winner: Ian McPherson (Dinas Powys), away mens runner-up: Paul Yee (Wenvoe Castle). Home mens winner: Rhys Connell (Brynhill), home mens runner-up: Mike Perry (Brynhill). Ladies winner: Miggs Codd with 40 points over the back nine, ladies runner-up: Jo Kirkpatrick with 40 points.*

JK

Barry golfer's hole-in-one at St Athan

A BARRY golfer has received a limited-edition BOSS watch after scoring a hole-in-one during a recent competition at his club.

Michael Whilding (57), scored his ace on the 176-yard, par-three 15th at his club, RAF St Athan, and the 18-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1 Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses HowDidiDo – a free-to-use, web-based social network for golfers and anybody playing in official club competitions is eligible. Currently, more than 1,800 clubs use the website.

Stephen Brydon, commercial director for MGS Distribution, the official licenced UK distributor for BOSS Watches, said: "Congratulations to Michael on what, to most of us, is a once-in-a-lifetime achievement."

Sully bridge news

RESULTS for Monday, August 12:

North/South: First, Huw Thomas and Celia Thomas, 64.56 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Mark Roderick, 63.74; third, Judy Collins and Bunty Wiseman, 69.62.

East/West: First, Anne Johns and John Pikoulis, 66.00 per cent; Roger Cradick and Sean Macdougall, 61.50; third, Pat Walker and Beryl Marke, 59.25.

Results for Wednesday, August 14:

North/South: First, Jane Greatrex and John Pikoulis, 62.75 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Trish Tracy, 57.84; third, Anne Johns and Bunty Wiseman, 54.90.

East/West: First, Judith Owen and Janet Cunnington, 62.22 per cent; second, Marilyn Jones and Sean Macdougall, 57.78; third, Hilary Laurence and Moira Currie,55.78.

EK

Chess team's success sets up new season

The Barry Chess Club recently retained the East Glamorgan Chess Association Summer League title for the third consecutive year.

The main league season starts in the first week of September. Our first game is for the newly promoted Camelots team in division one who travel to Nelson on September 5; the Bosons entertain the Caerphilly Kings on September 9 while the Gambits make their first ever trip to play Bridgend Central on the same night.

The Quarks commence their season on September 17 when they are away to North Cardiff Cheetahs. The Quarks were due to host the Cardiff Crowns on September 2 but this game has now been postponed until December 16, due to Cardiff's transport difficulties.

If there are any new or prospective members of the club I suggest that they contact either myself or another club member before turning up at the club so that we can ensure you receive a warm welcome; for more details visit our website: barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY with matches starting at 7:30pm; new players of all ages and standards are welcomed.

PJ